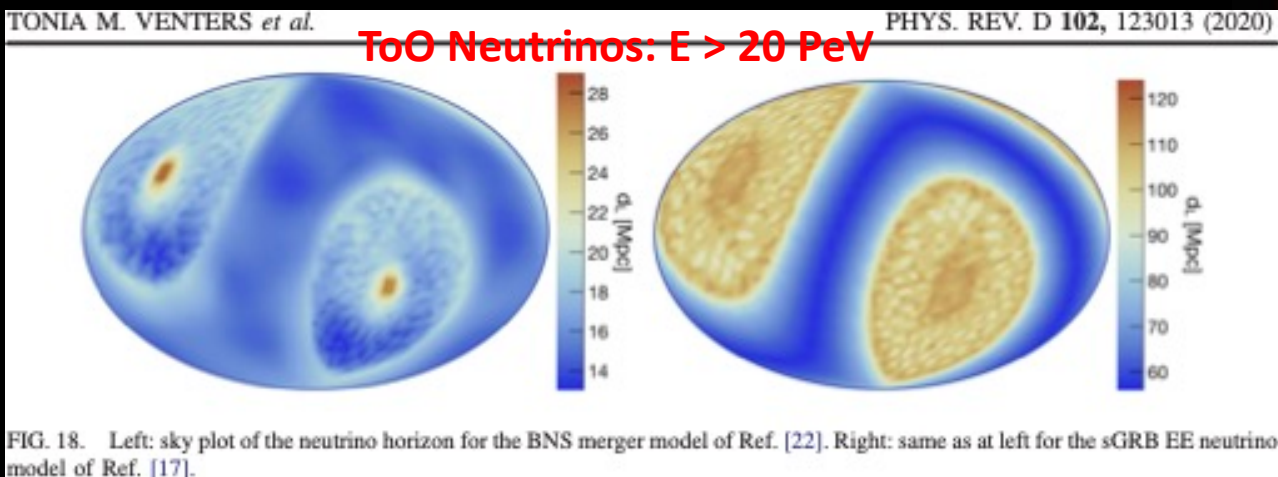
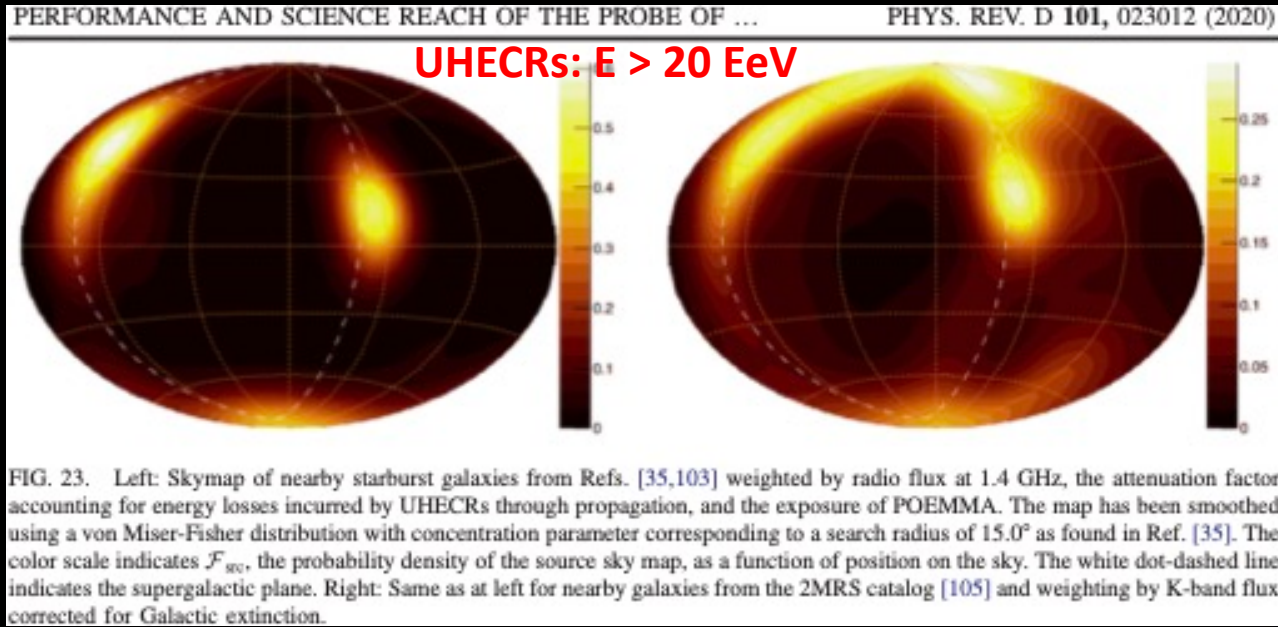
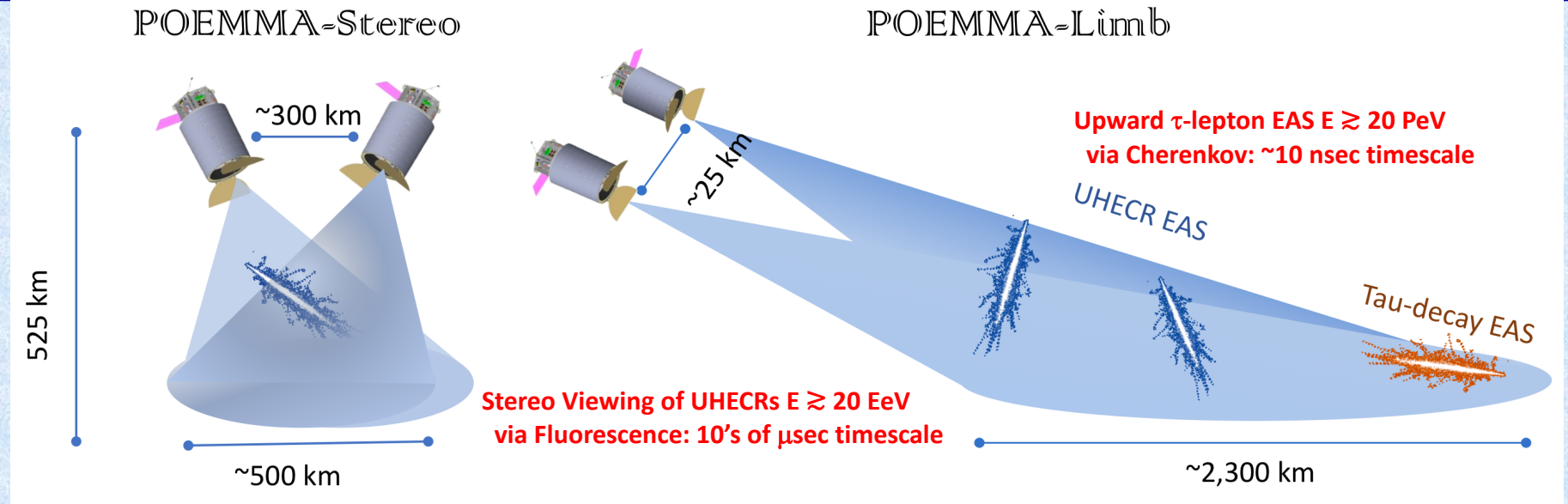
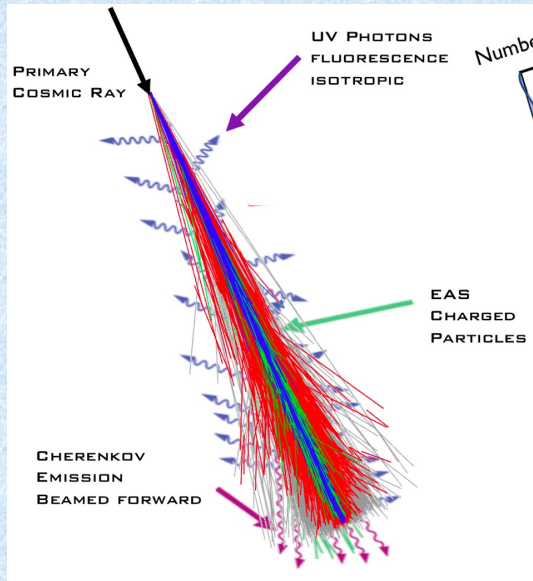


# Cosmic Ray and Neutrino MultiMessenger Astrophysics with the Probe Of Extreme Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (POEMMA)





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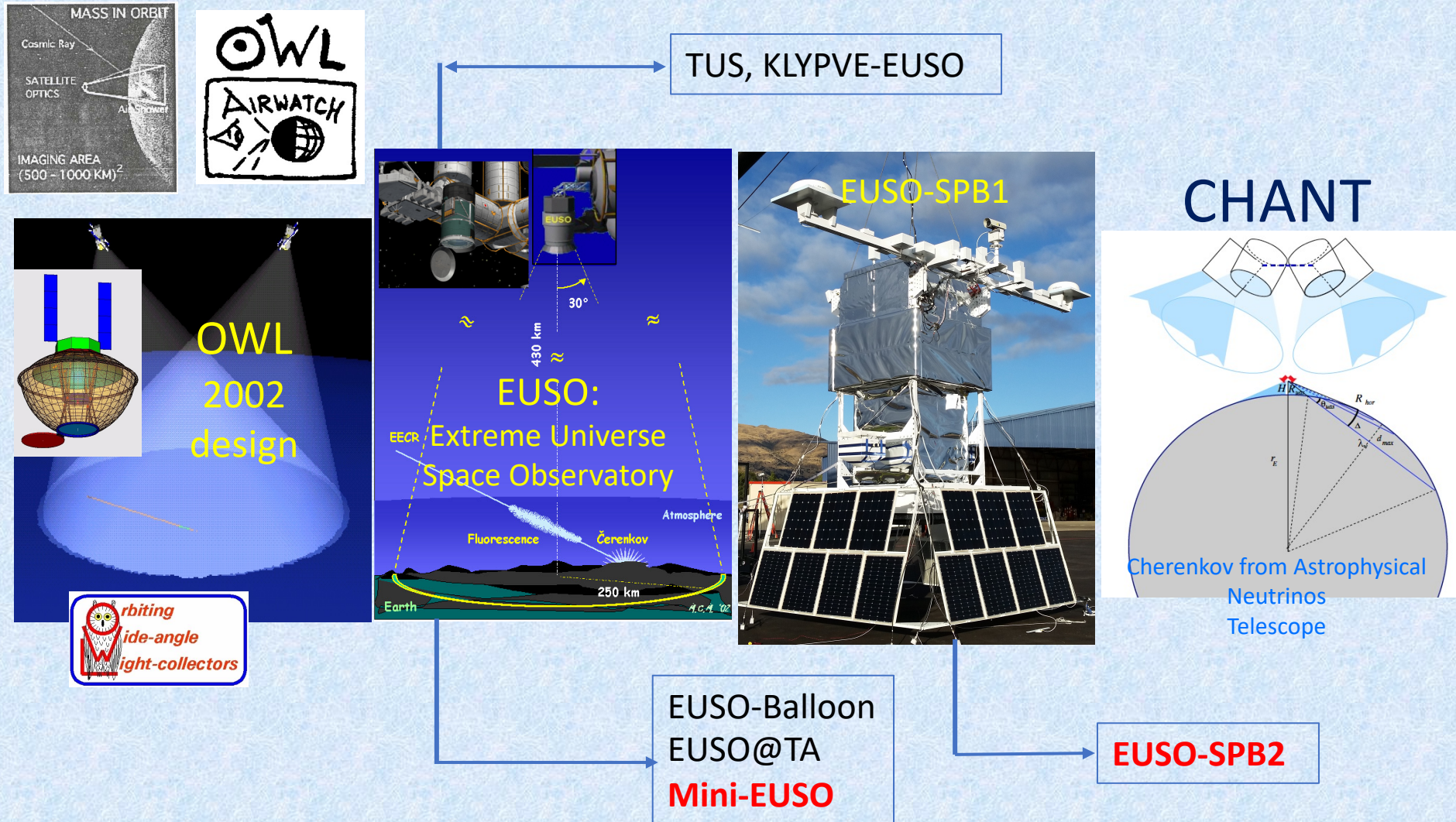
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Based on OWL 2002 study, JEM-EUSO, EUSO balloon experience, and CHANT proposal



## POEMMA Science goals:

### *primary*

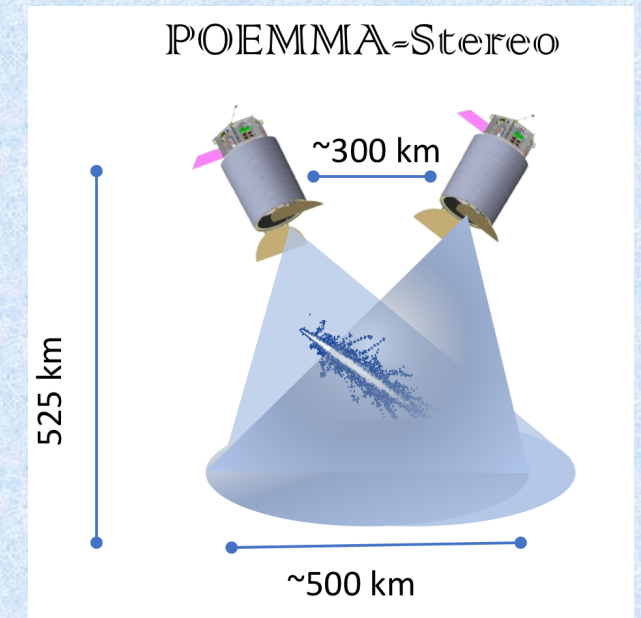
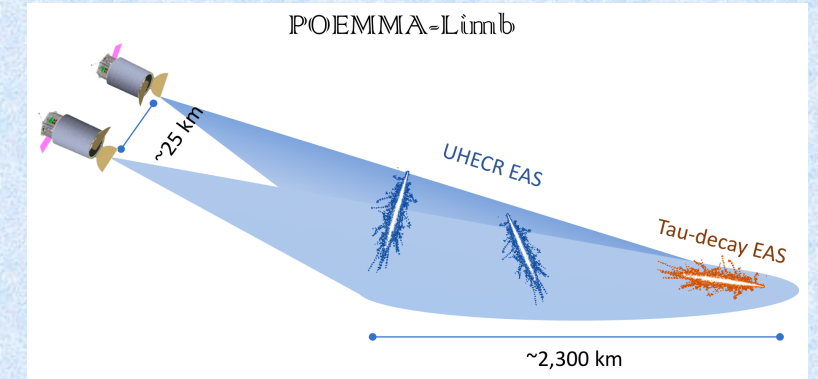
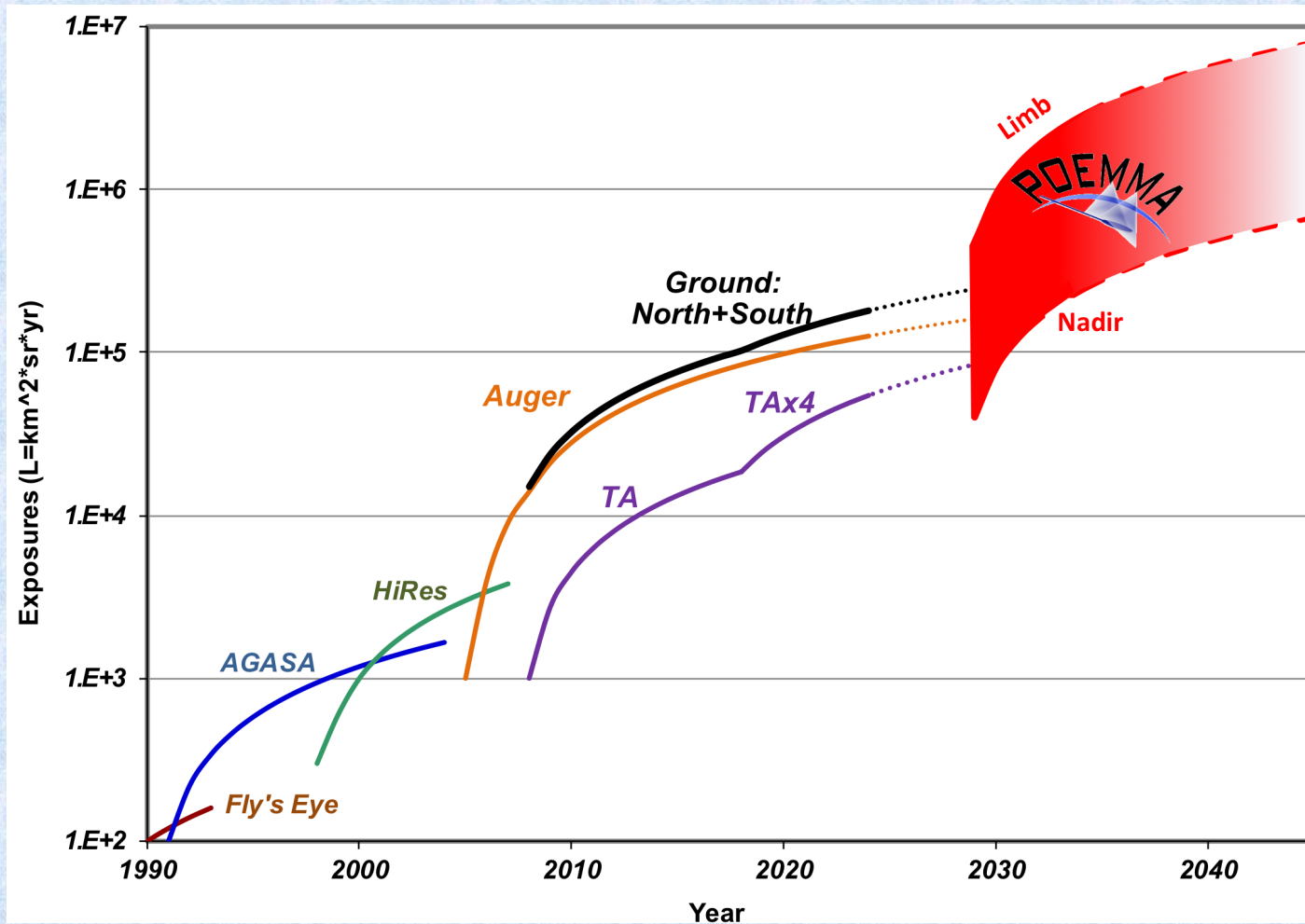
- Discover the origin of **Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays**  
Measure Spectrum, composition, full-Sky Distribution at Highest Energies ( $E_{\text{CR}} > 20 \text{ EeV}$ )  
Requires very good angular, energy, and  $X_{\text{max}}$  resolutions: **stereo fluorescence**  
**High sensitivity UHE neutrino measurements via stereo fluorescence measurements**
- Observe **Neutrinos from Transient Astrophysical Events**  
Measure beamed Cherenkov light from upward-moving EAS from  $\tau$ -leptons source by  $\nu_{\tau}$  interactions in the Earth ( $E_{\nu} > 20 \text{ PeV}$ )  
Requires tilted-mode of operation to view limb of the Earth &  $\sim 10 \text{ ns}$  timing  
Allows for tilted UHECR air fluorescence operation, higher GF but degraded resolutions

### *secondary*

- study **fundamental physics** with the most energetic cosmic particles: **CRs and Neutrinos**
- search for super-Heavy Dark Matter: *photons and neutrinos*
- study Atmospheric Transient Events, survey Meteor Population

$\sqrt{s} \approx 450 \text{ TeV @ } 100 \text{ EeV}$

# POEMMA: UHECR Exposure History



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# POEMMA: Instruments defined by weeklong IDL run at GSFC

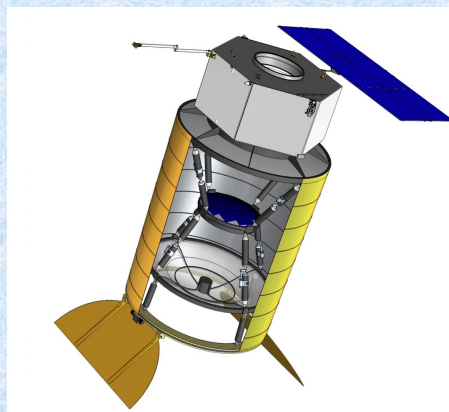
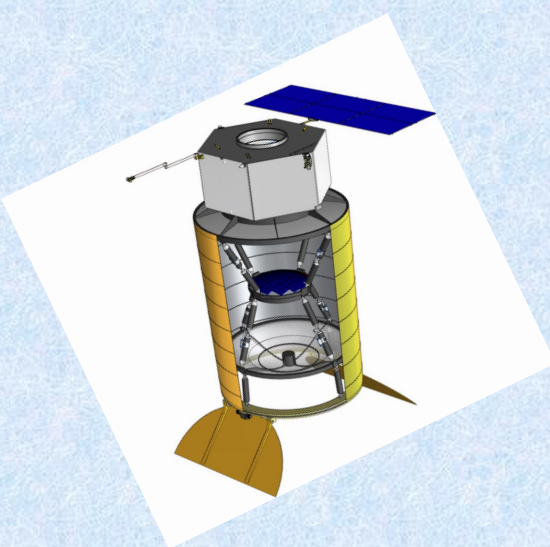
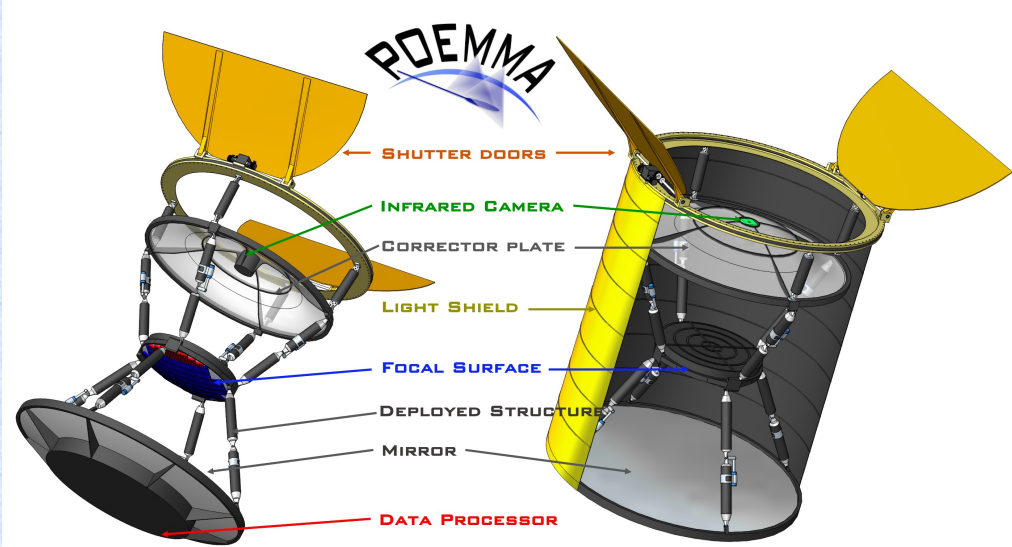
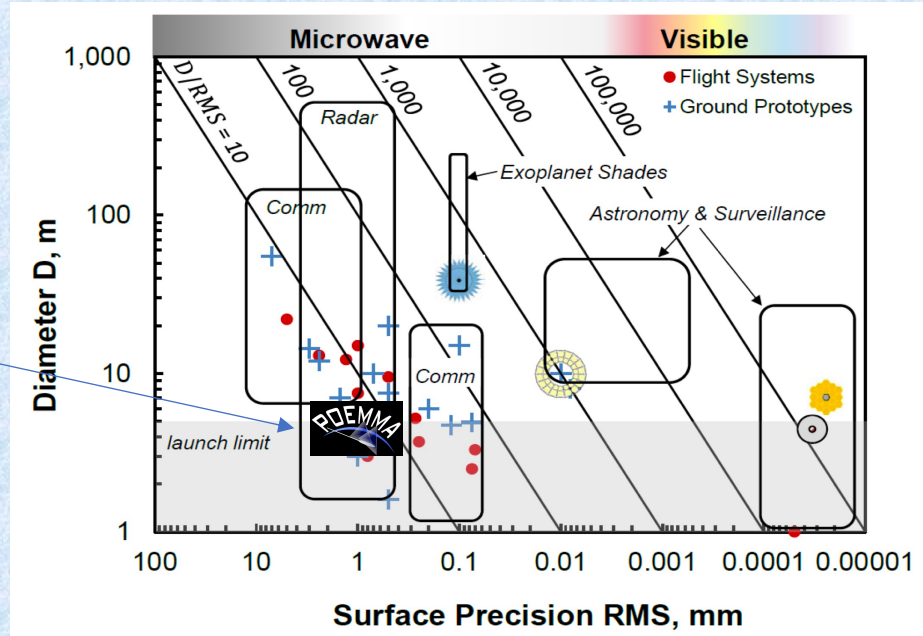


TABLE I: POEMMA Specifications:

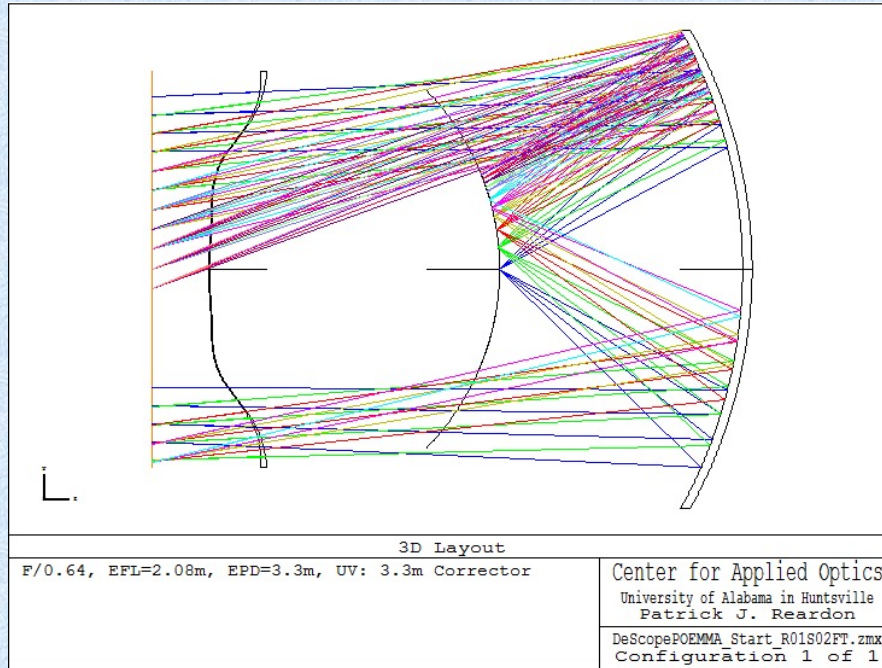
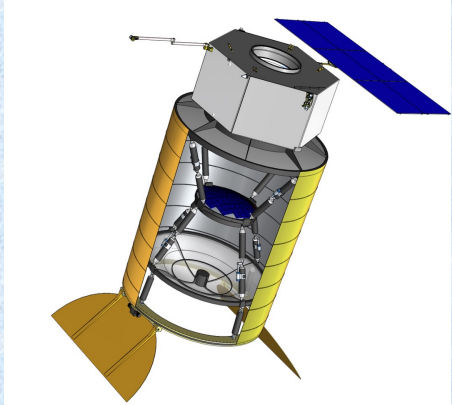
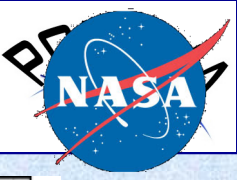
Photometer Components			Spacecraft	
Optics	Schmidt	45° full FoV	Slew rate	90° in 8 min
	Primary Mirror	4 m diam.	Pointing Res.	0.1°
	Corrector Lens	3.3 m diam.	Pointing Know.	0.01°
	Focal Surface	1.6 m diam.	Clock synch.	10 nsec
	Pixel Size	3 × 3 mm <sup>2</sup>	Data Storage	7 days
	Pixel FoV	0.084°	Communication	S-band
PFC	MAPMT (1μs)	126,720 pixels	Wet Mass	3,450 kg
PCC	SiPM (20 ns)	15,360 pixels	Power (w/cont)	550 W
Photometer (One)			Mission	(2 Observatories)
	Mass	1,550 kg	Lifetime	3 year (5 year goal)
	Power (w/cont)	700 W	Orbit	525 km, 28.5° Inc
	Data	< 1 GB/day	Orbit Period	95 min
			Observatory Sep.	~25 - 1000+ km

Each Observatory = Photometer + Spacecraft; POEMMA Mission = 2 Observatories



Imaging ~10<sup>4</sup> away from diffraction limit

# POEMMA: Schmidt Telescope details



**Two 4 meter F/0.64 Schmidt telescopes: 45° FoV**

**Primary Mirror: 4 meter diameter**

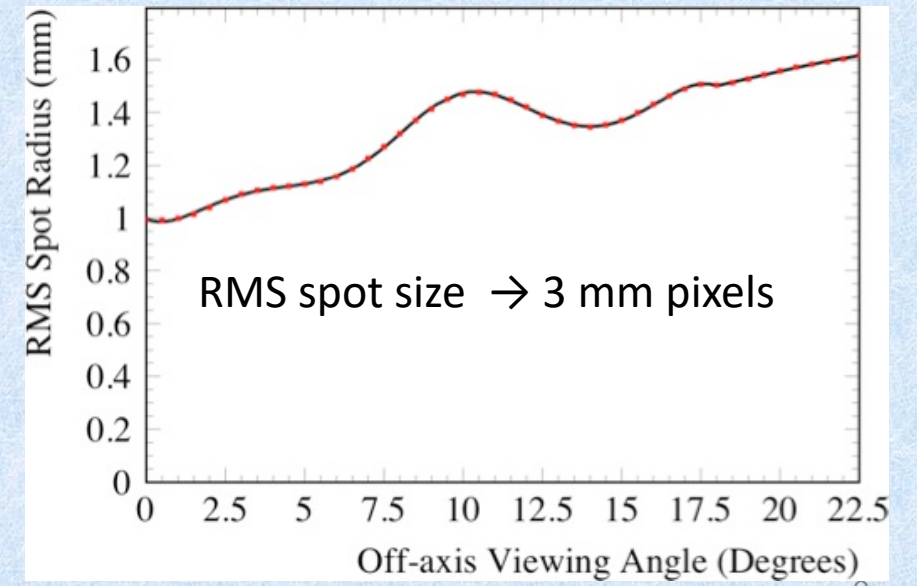
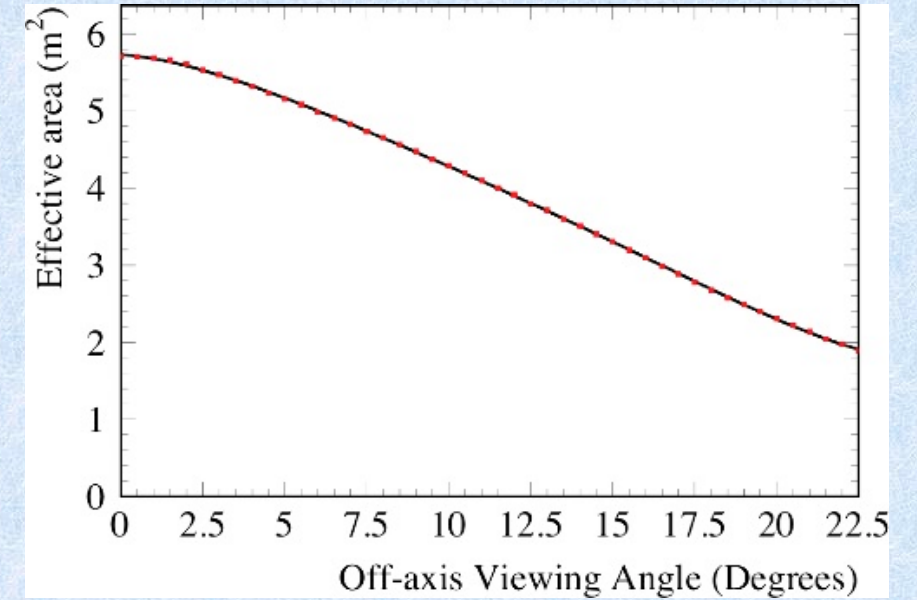
**Corrector Lens: 3.3 meter diameter**

**Focal Surface: 1.6 meter diameter**

**Optical Area<sub>EFF</sub>: ~6 to 2 m<sup>2</sup>**

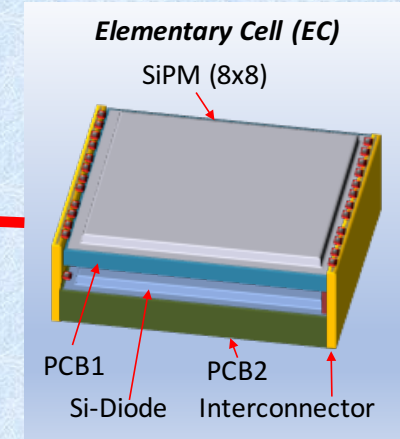
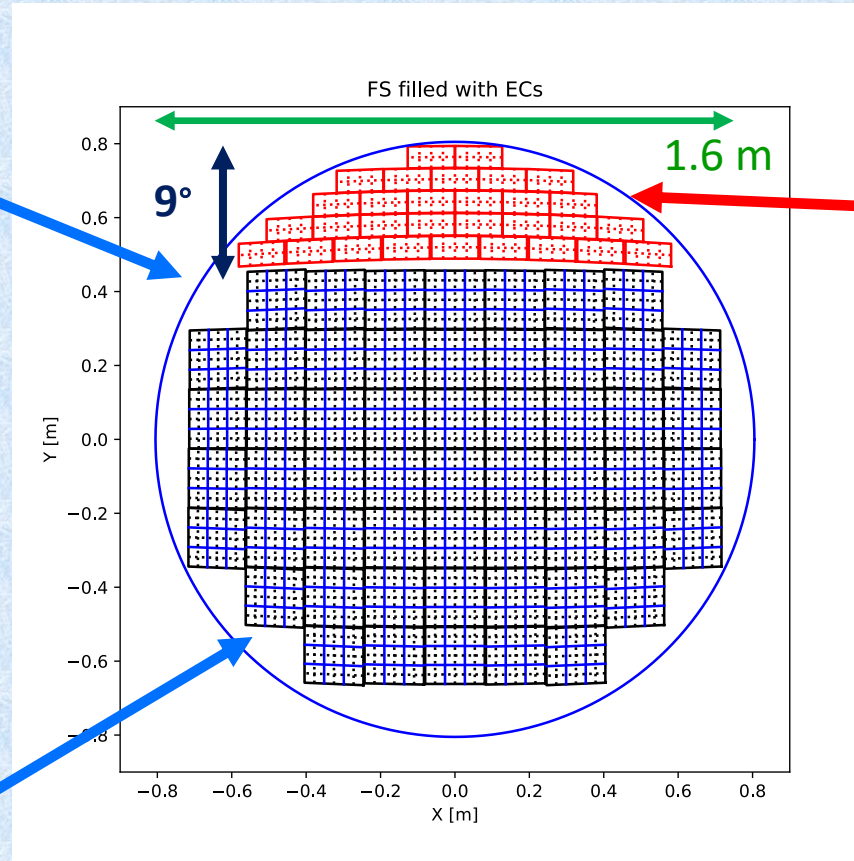
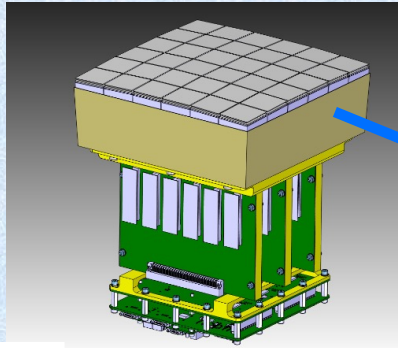
**Hybrid focal surface (MAPMTs and SiPM)**

**3 mm linear pixel size: 0.084° FoV**



UV Fluorescence Detection using MAPMTs  
with BG3 filter (**300 – 500 nm**) developed by  
JEM-EUSO: **1 usec sampling**

Cherenkov Detection  
with SiPMs (**300 – 1000 nm**):  
**20 nsec sampling**



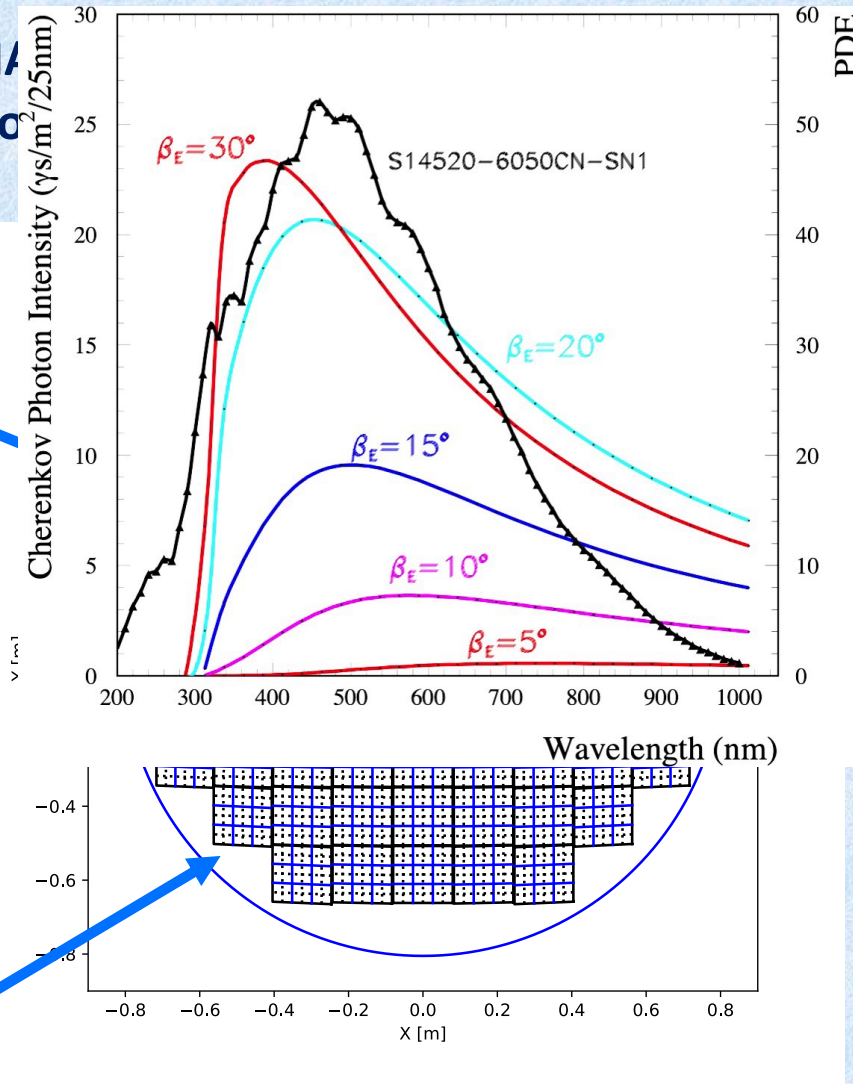
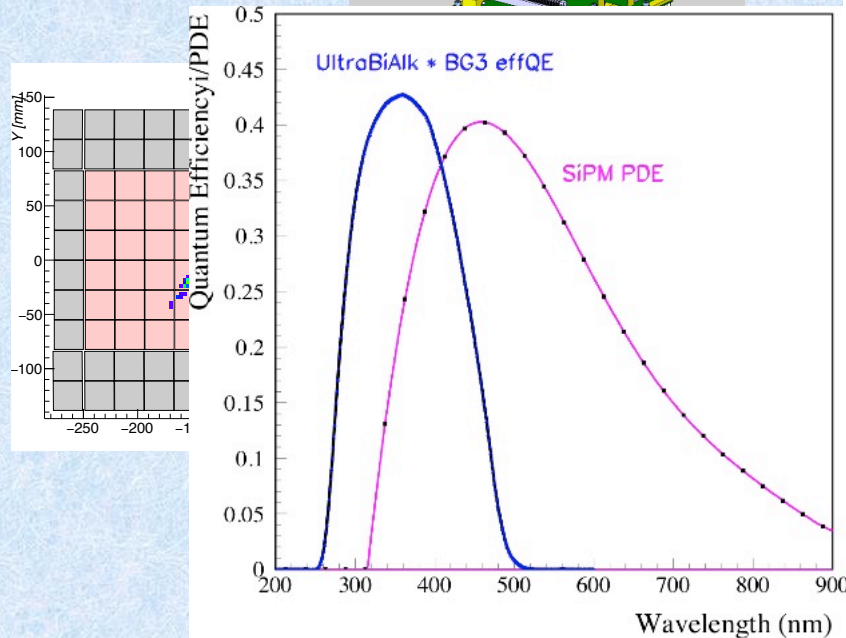
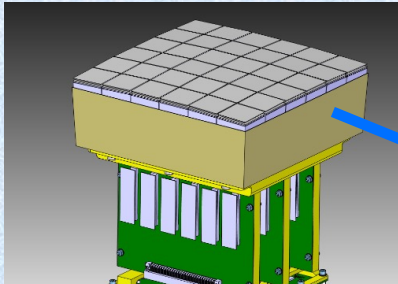
30 SiPM focal surface units  
**Total 15,360 pixels**  
512 pixels per FSU (64x4x2)  
Si-Diode for LEO radiation  
backgrounds rejection

55 Photo Detector Modules (PDMs)= 126,720 pixels

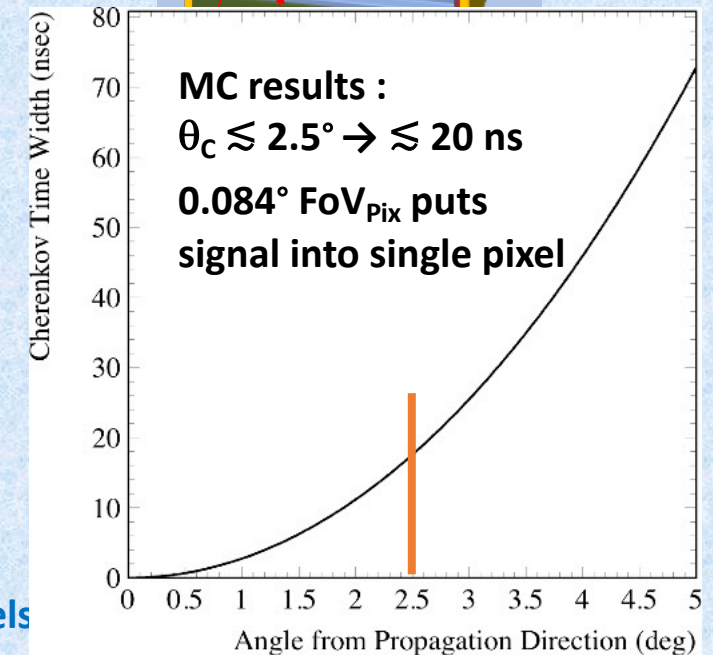
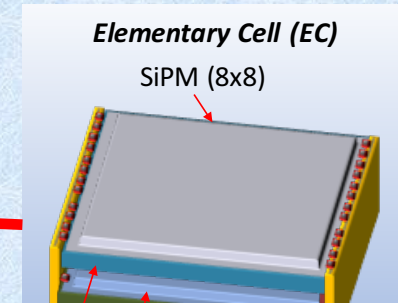
1 PDM = 36 MAPMTs = 2,304 pixels

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UV Fluorescence Detection using MAPMTs with BG3 filter (300 – 500 nm) developed by JEM-EUSO: 1 usec sampling

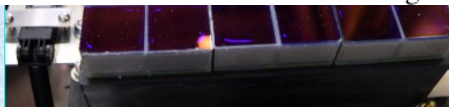


Cherenkov Detection with SiPMs (300 – 1000 nm): 20 nsec sampling



55 Photo Detector Modules (PDMs) = 126,720 pixels

1 PDM = 36 MAPMTs = 2,304 pixels



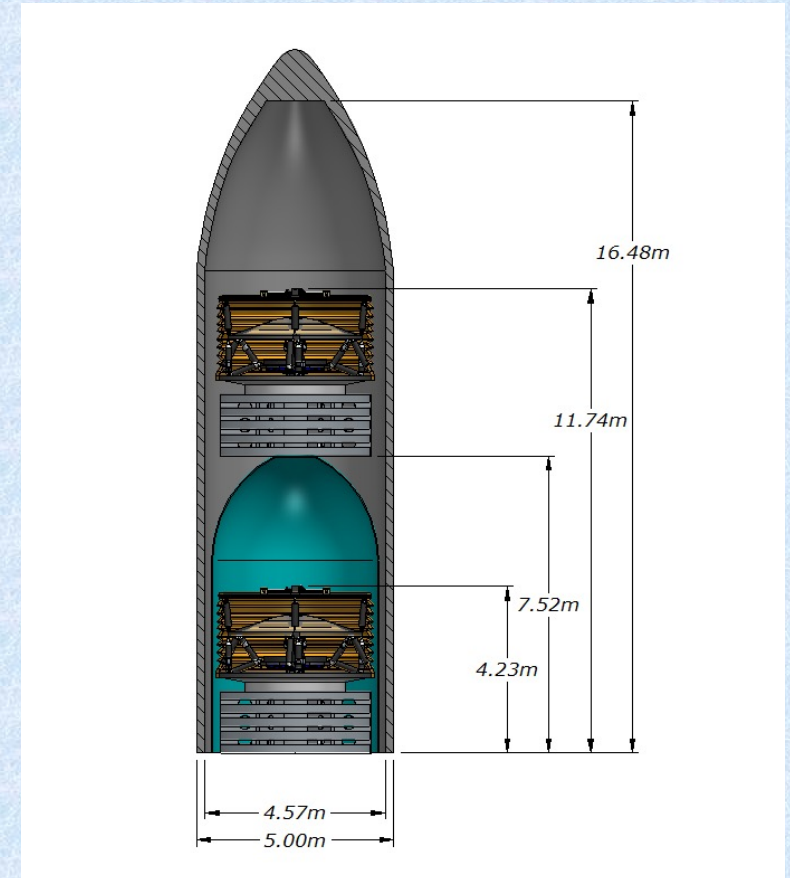
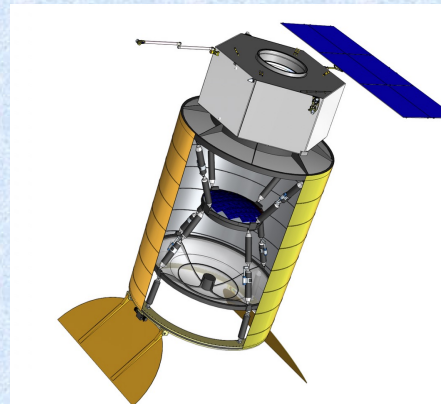
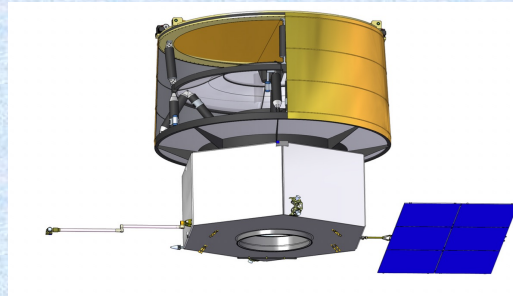
# POEMMA: Mission (Class B) defined by weeklong MDL run at GSFC



Mission Lifetime: 3 years (5 year goal)  
Orbits: 525 km, 28.5° Inc  
Orbit Period: 95 min  
Satellite Separation: ~25 km – 1000+ km  
Satellite Position: 1 m (knowledge)  
Pointing Resolution: 0.1°  
Pointing Knowledge: 0.01°  
Slew Rate: 8 min for 90°  
Satellite Wet Mass: 3860 kg  
Power: 1250 W (w/contig)  
Data: < 1 GB/day  
Data Storage: 7 days  
Communication: S-band  
Clock synch (timing): 10 nsec

**Flight Dynamics/Propulsion:**

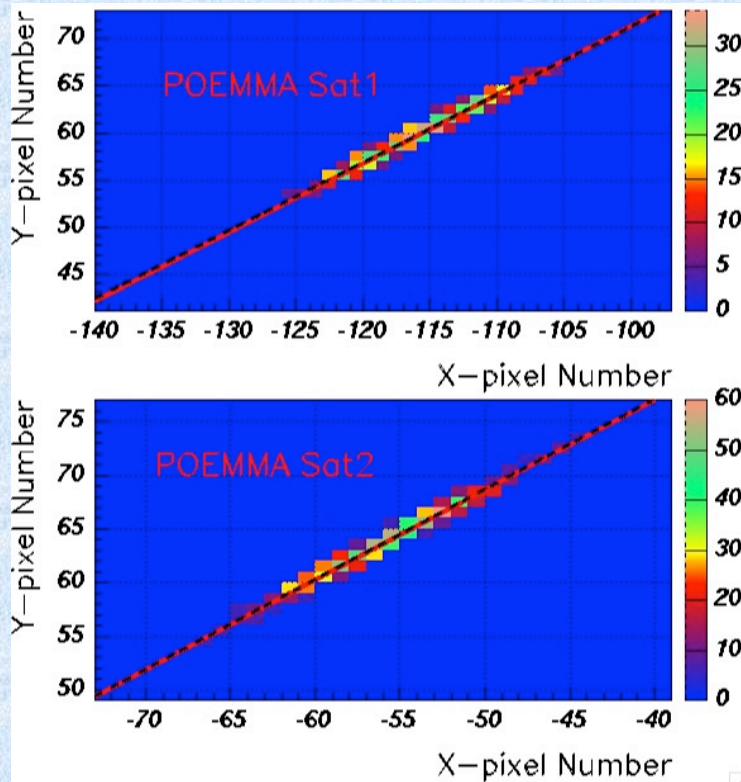
- 300 km  $\Rightarrow$  50 km SatSep
- Puts both in CherLight Pool
- $\Delta t = 3$  hr, 9 times
- $\Delta t = 24$  hr, 90 times



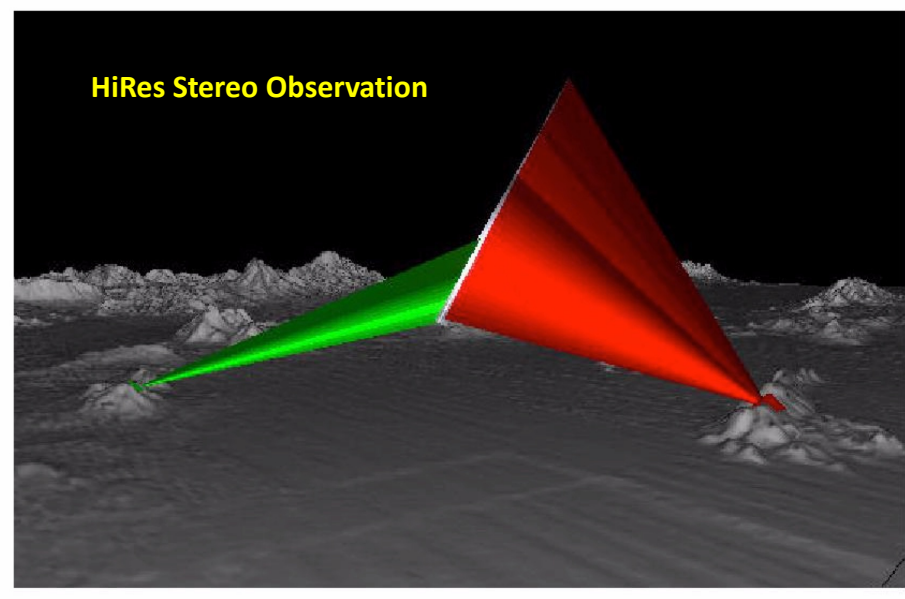
Dual Manifest Atlas V

## Operations:

- Each satellite collects data autonomously
- Coincidences analyzed on the ground
- View the Earth at near-moonless nights, charge in day and telemeter data to ground
- ToO Mode: dedicated com uplink to re-orient satellites if desired

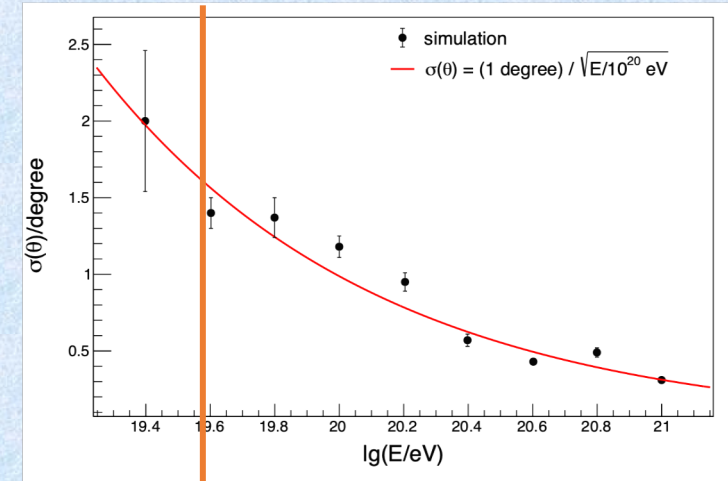


50 EeV simulated event

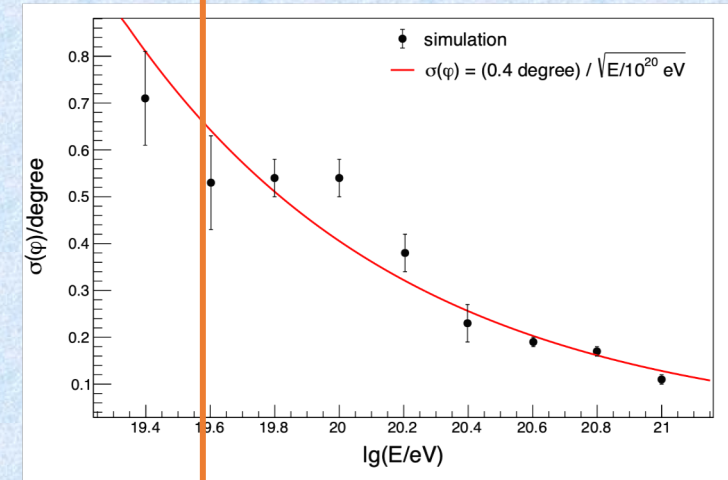


## Stereo Geometric Reconstruction

- Intersection of EAS-detector planes accurately defines the EAS trajectory
- Requires minimum opening angle between planes  $\gtrsim 5^\circ$
- With track selection  $\rightarrow$  80% reconstruction efficiency
- $\text{FoV}_{\text{PIX}} = 0.084^\circ$  coupled with small RMS spot size allows for precise determination



Stereo Reconstructed Zenith Angle Resolution



Stereo Reconstructed Azimuth Angle Resolution

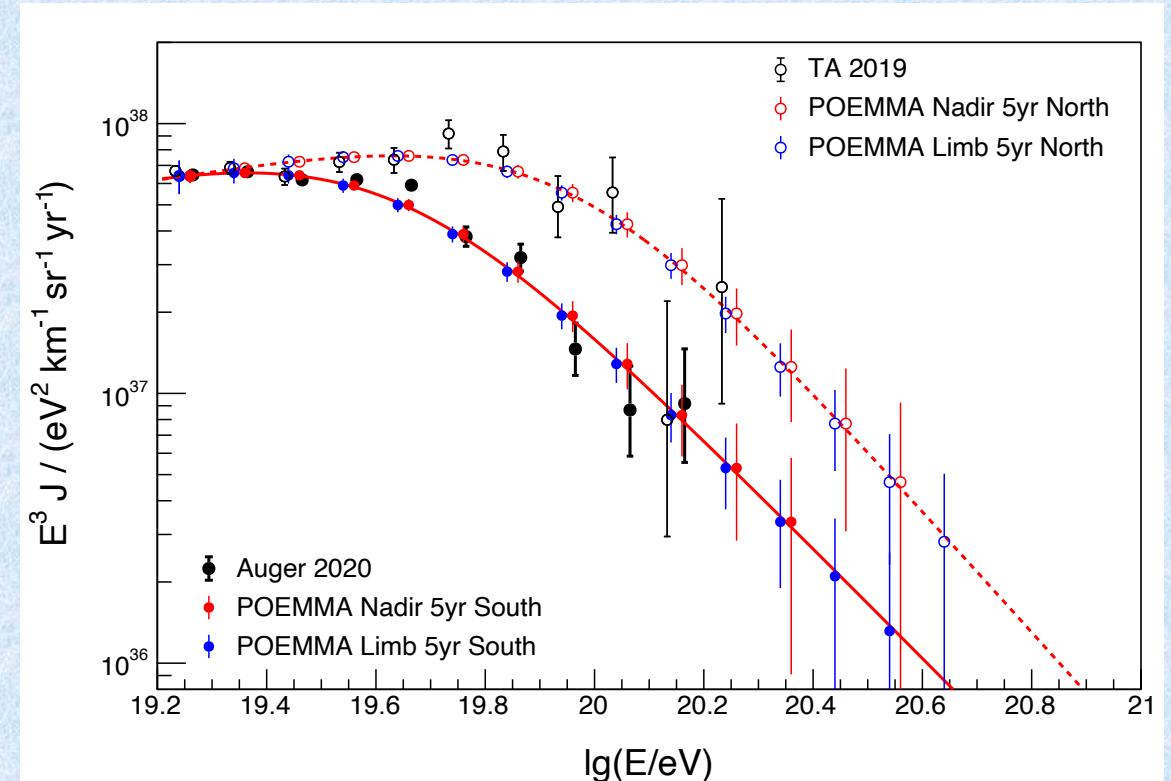
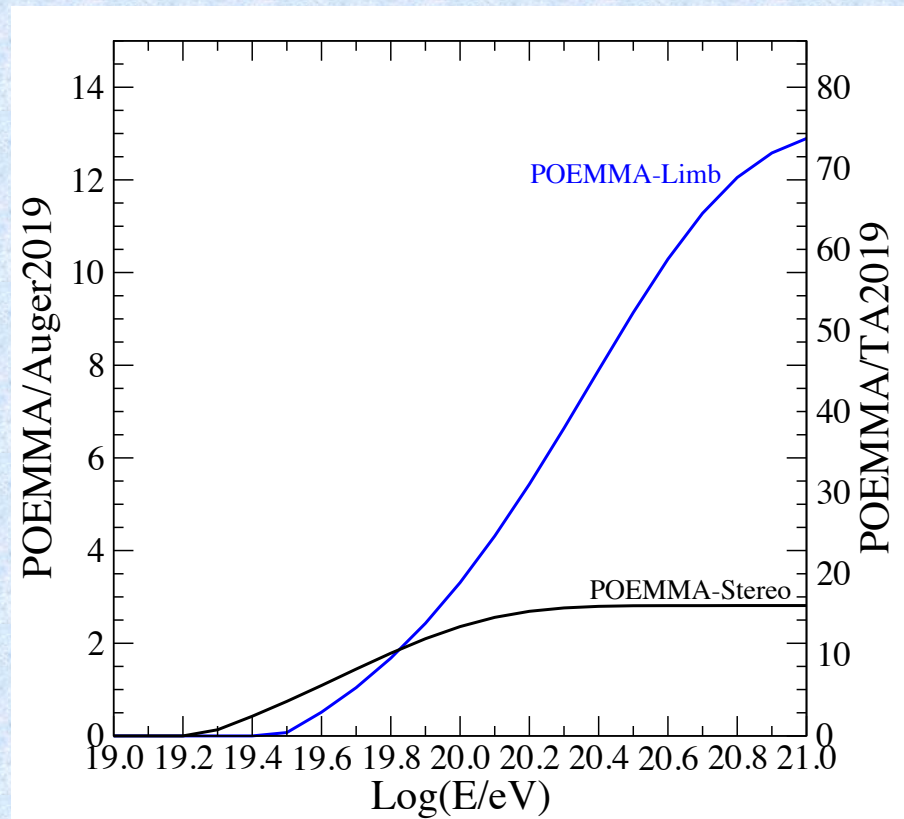
40 EeV

Significant increase in **exposure with all-sky coverage**

Uniform sky coverage to **guarantee the discovery of UHECR sources**

Spectrum, Composition, Anisotropy  $E_{\text{CR}} > 20 \text{ EeV}$

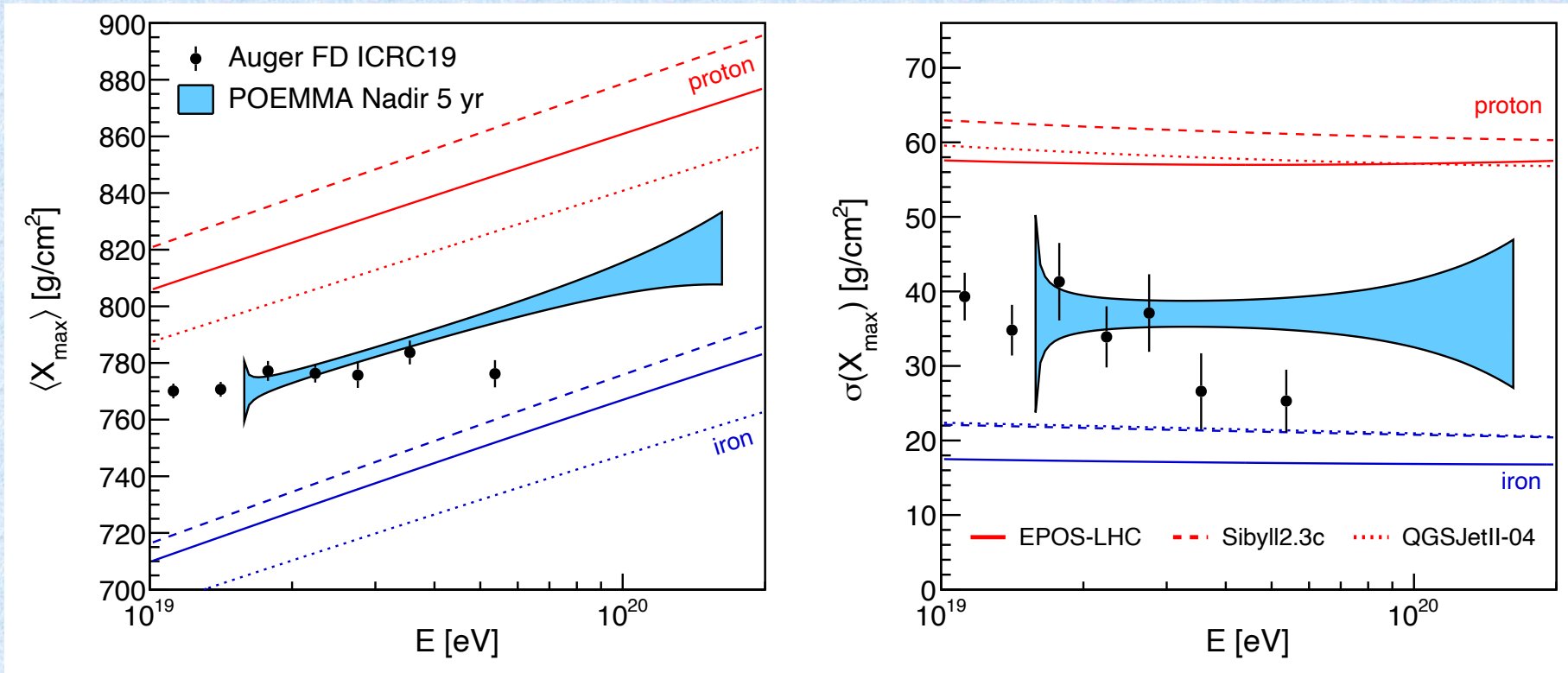
Very good **energy ( $< 20\%$ ) & angular ( $\lesssim 1.2^\circ$ )** resolutions  $\rightarrow$  **composition ( $\sigma_{\text{Xmax}} \lesssim 30 \text{ g/cm}^2$ )**  
resolution



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Michael Unger Work:

- Based on *ad hoc* model extrapolating Auger measurements below 40 EeV.
- Around 100 EeV, POEMMA  $X_{\text{max}}$  uncertainty 0.1 – 0.2 p-Fe separation  $\rightarrow$  several energy points above 40 EeV by POEMMA will determine composition evolution.

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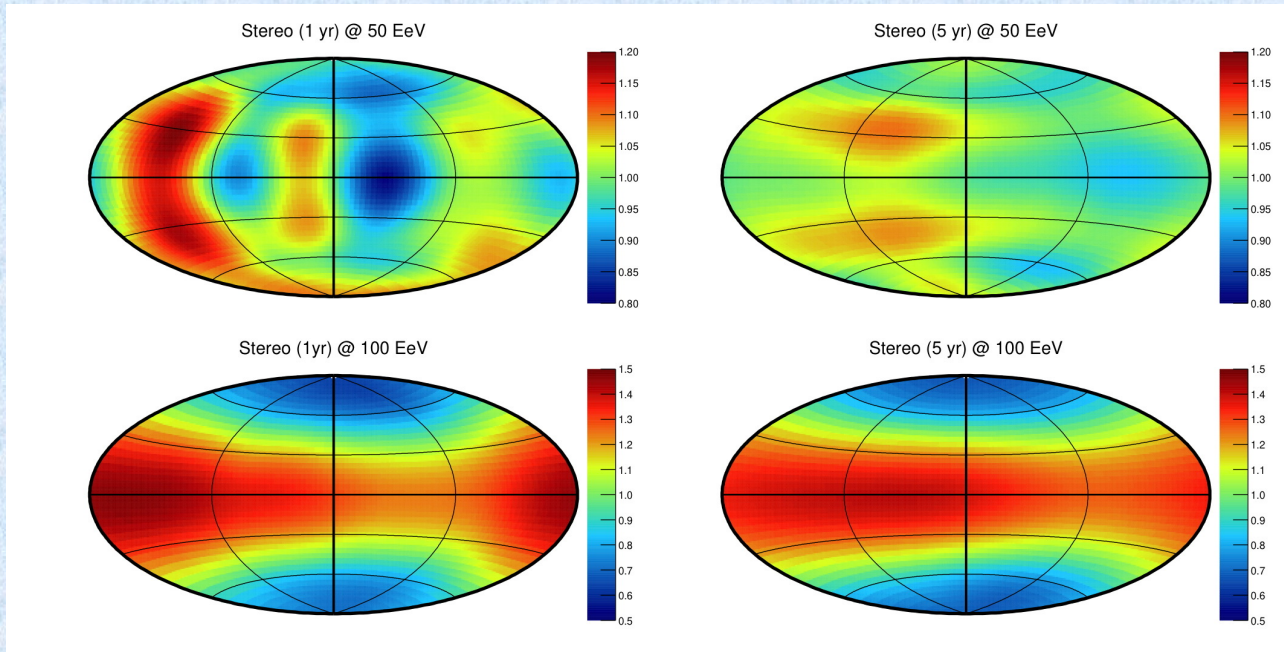
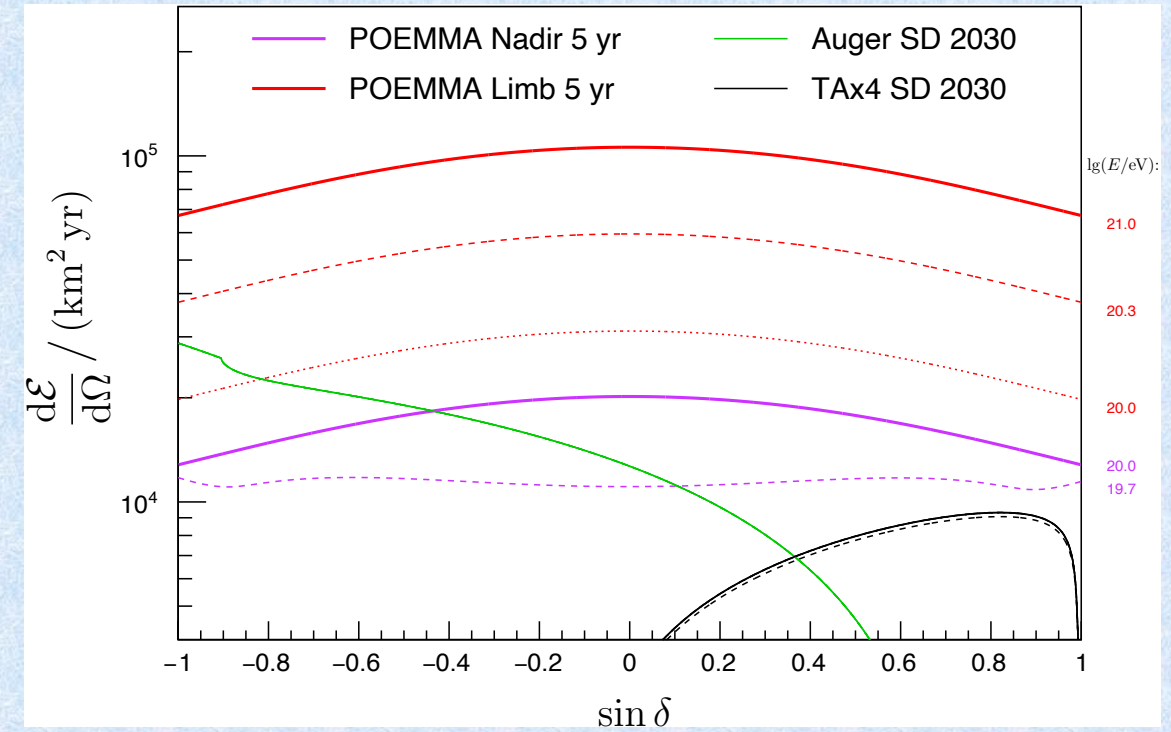


FIG. 13: POEMMA's UHECR sky exposures in declination versus right ascension. The color scale denoting the exposure variations in terms of the mean response taking into account the positions of the sun and the moon during the observation cycle.



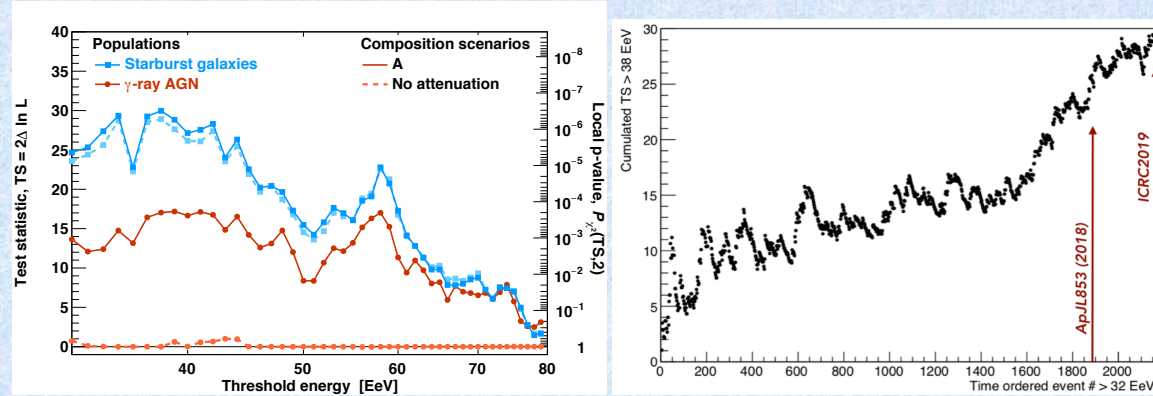


Figure 11: Left: Maximum likelihood-ratio as a function of energy threshold for the models based on SBGs and  $\gamma$ AGNs. The results are shown in the attenuation (full line) and no-attenuation (dashed line) scenarios. Right: Cumulated test statistics for  $E_{\text{thr}} = 38$  EeV as a function of the time ordered number of events (for the SBG-only model). The number of events at the time of [39] and of this conference are indicated by the red arrows.

TABLE II. TS values for scenarios with  $\Theta = 15^\circ$ .

Catalog	$f_{\text{sig}}$	TS	$\sigma$
SBG	5%	6.2	2.0
	10%	24.7	4.6
	15%	54.2	7.1
	20%	92.9	9.4
2MRS	5%	2.4	1.0
	10%	8.7	2.5
	15%	20.0	4.1
	20%	35.2	5.6
Swift-BAT AGN	5%	10.4	2.8
	10%	39.6	6.0
	15%	82.4	8.8
	20%	139.3	11.6

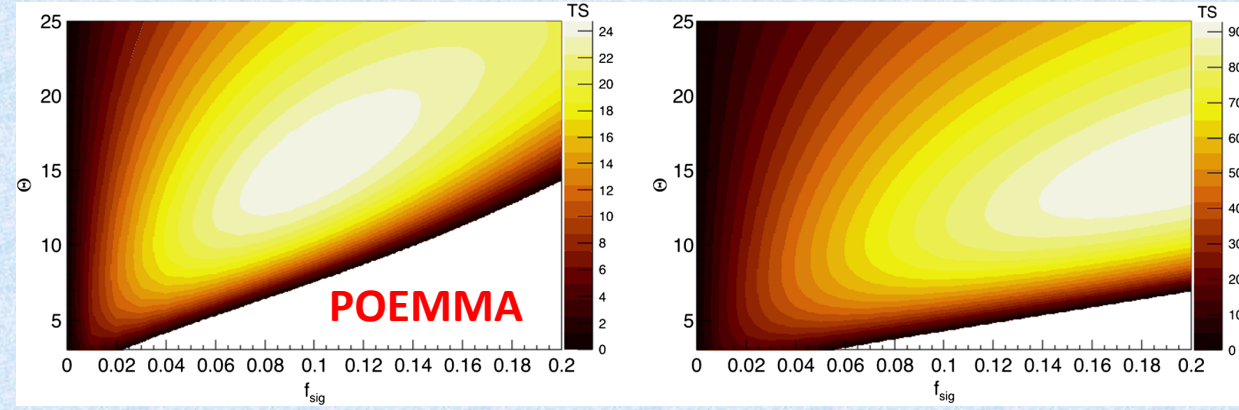


FIG. 24. TS profile for 1400 events for a particular scenario using the starburst source sky map in Fig. 23. In the scenario pictured here, the fraction of events drawn from the source sky map is  $f = 10\%$  (left) and  $20\%$  (right), and the angular spread is  $\Theta = 15^\circ$ .

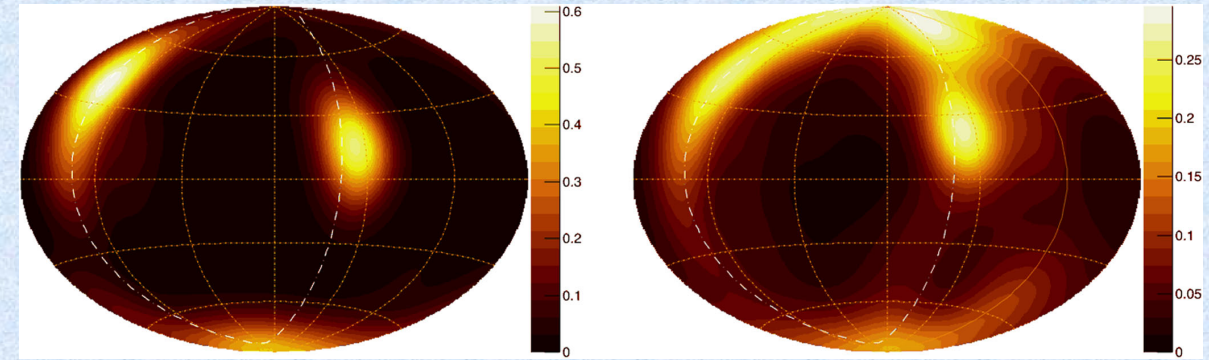
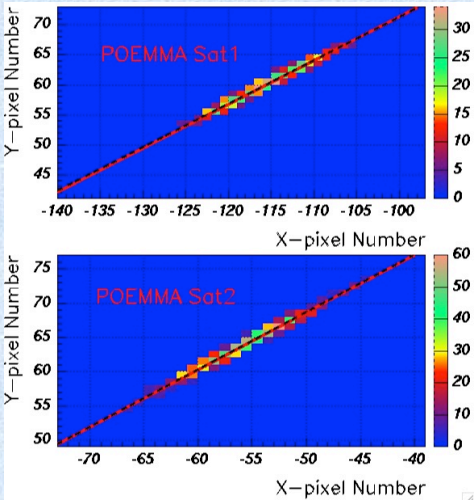
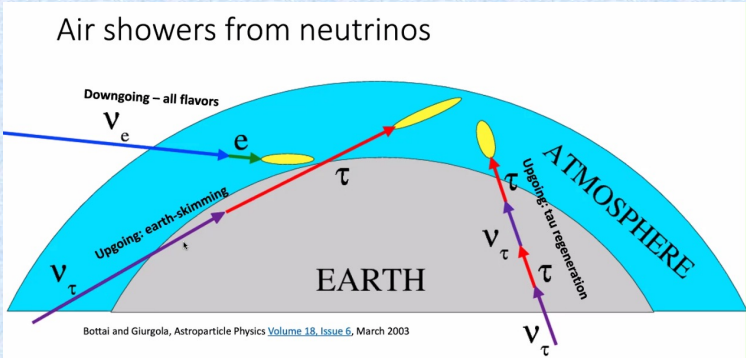


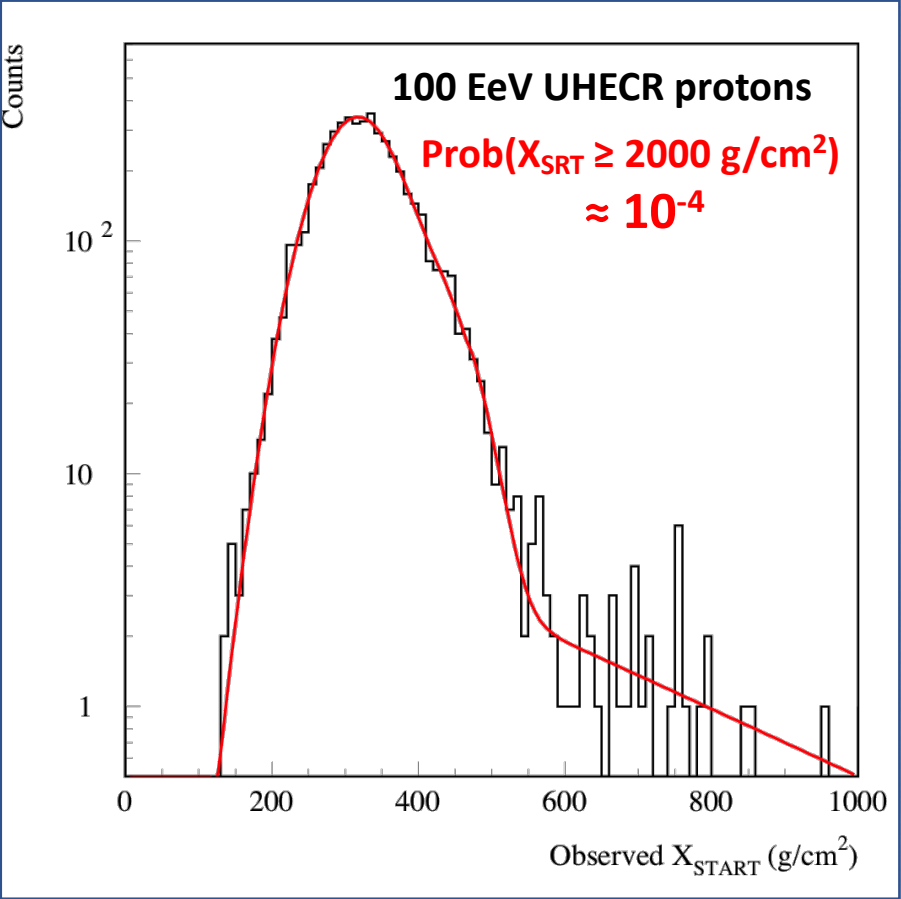
FIG. 23. Left: Skymap of nearby starburst galaxies from Refs. [35,103] weighted by radio flux at 1.4 GHz, the attenuation factor accounting for energy losses incurred by UHECRs through propagation, and the exposure of POEMMA. The map has been smoothed using a von Mises-Fisher distribution with concentration parameter corresponding to a search radius of  $15.0^\circ$  as found in Ref. [35]. The color scale indicates  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{src}}$ , the probability density of the source sky map, as a function of position on the sky. The white dot-dashed line indicates the supergalactic plane. Right: Same as at left for nearby galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [105] and weighting by K-band flux corrected for Galactic extinction.



Excellent angular resolution → accurate determination of slant depth of EAS starting point



50 EeV simulated event



UHECR 100% proton assumption  
most conservative

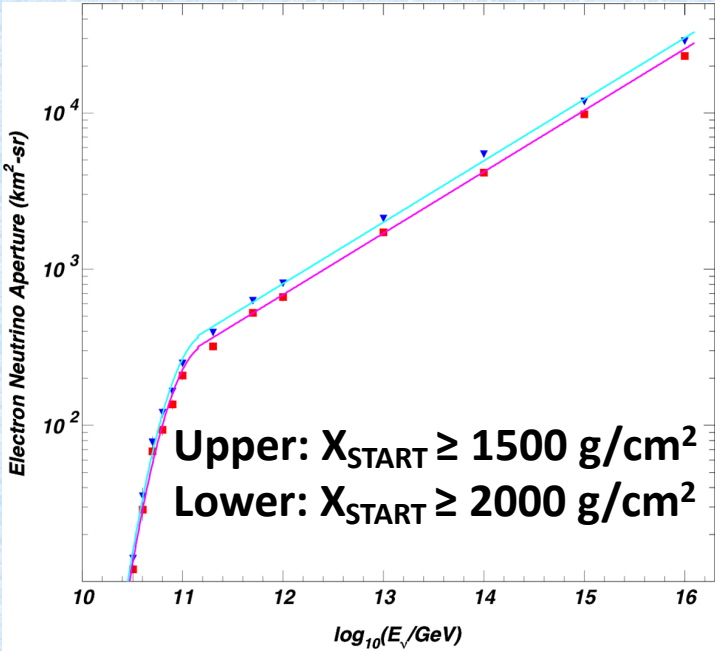


FIG. 42. Comparison of the instantaneous electron neutrino apertures based on stereo air fluorescence measurements. Upper points and curve are for  $X_{\text{Start}} \geq 1500 \text{ g/cm}^2$  while the lower points and curve are for  $X_{\text{Start}} \geq 2000 \text{ g/cm}^2$ . The lower curve is 85% of the upper curve over the energy band.

**Effectively comes for free in stereo UHECR mode**

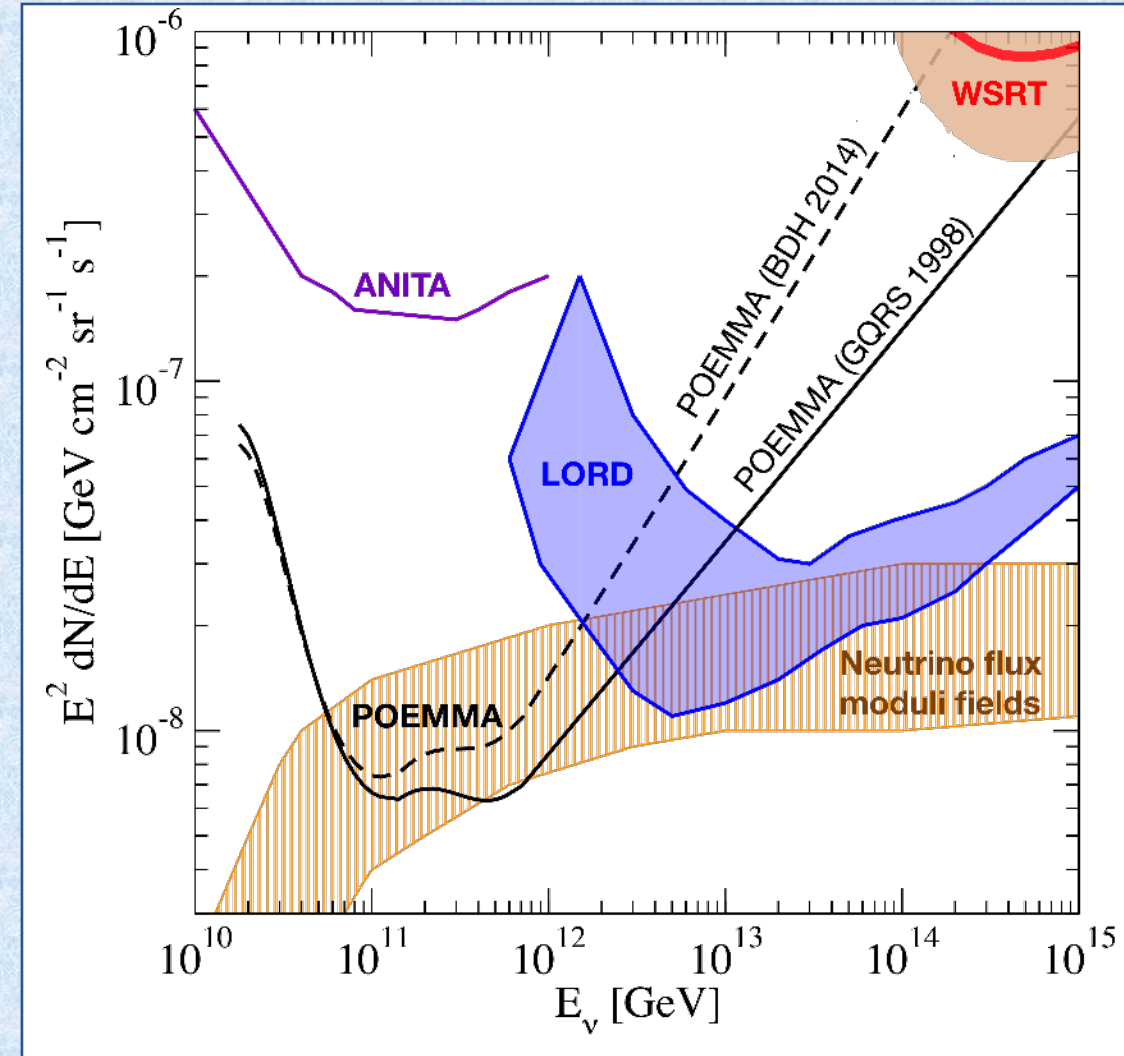
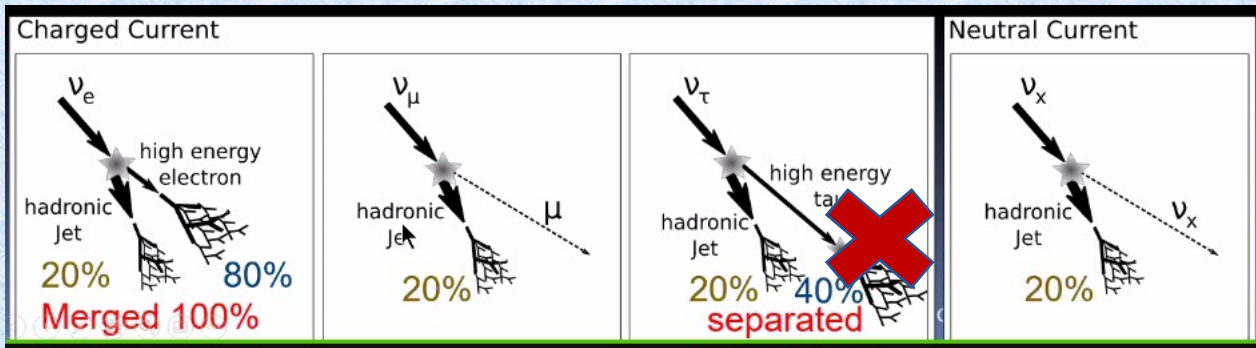
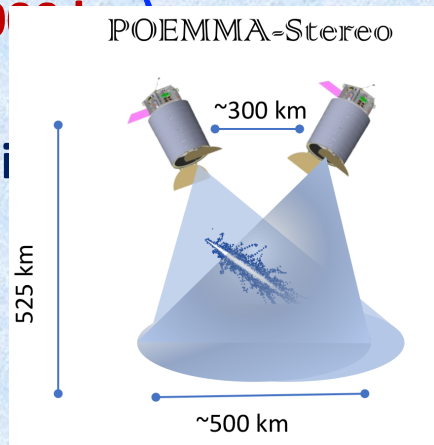
For  $E_\nu \gtrsim 1$  PeV,  $\sigma_{CC}$  &  $\sigma_{NC}$  virtually identical for  $\nu$  &  $\bar{\nu}$

**Assumptions:**

- CC  $\nu_e$  : 100%  $E_\nu$  in EAS
- CC  $\nu_\mu$  &  $\nu_\tau$  : 20%  $E_\nu$  in EAS ( $\gamma c \tau_\tau \approx 50$ )
- NC  $\nu_e$  &  $\nu_\mu$  &  $\nu_\tau$  : 20%  $E_\nu$  in EAS

**UHECR Background Probabilities (1 event in 100 years)**

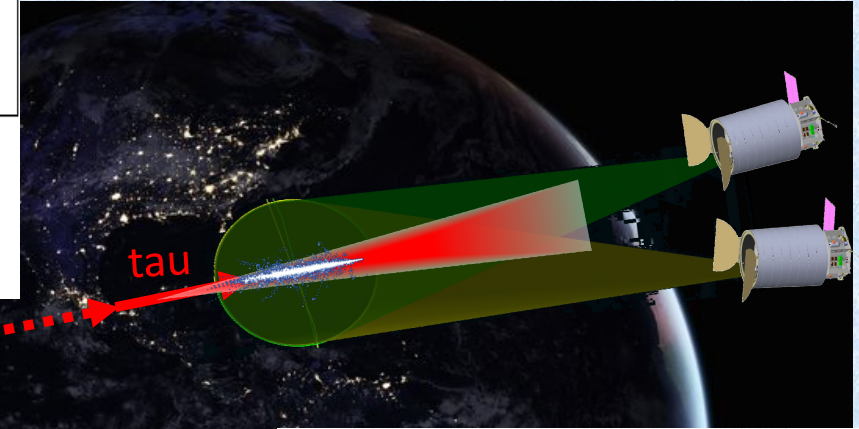
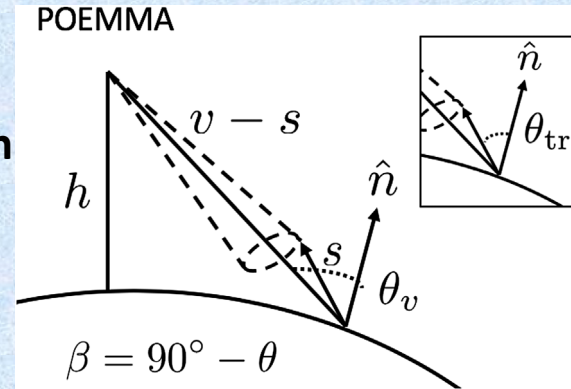
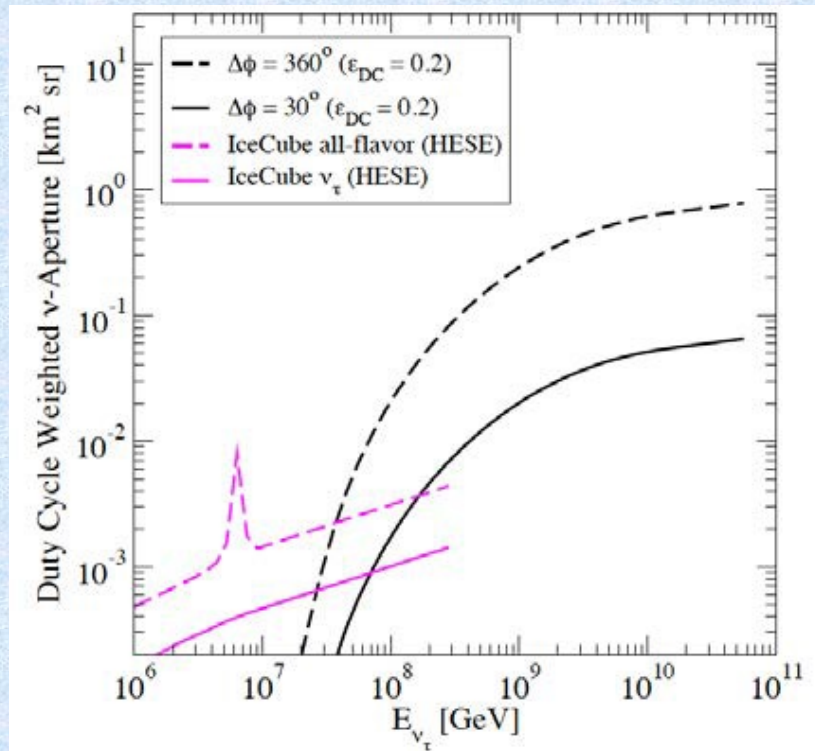
- Auger Spectrum (100% H):  $< 1\%$
- TA Spectrum (100% H):  $\approx 4\%$



**E. Zas: nuTau21: The radio technique and UHE tau neutrino searches**

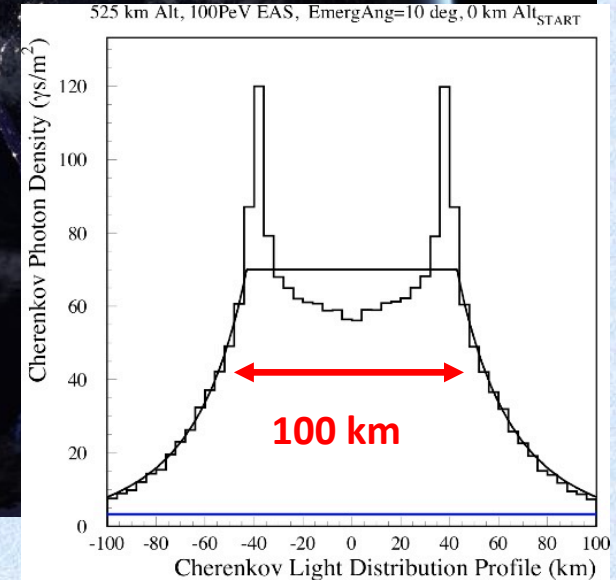
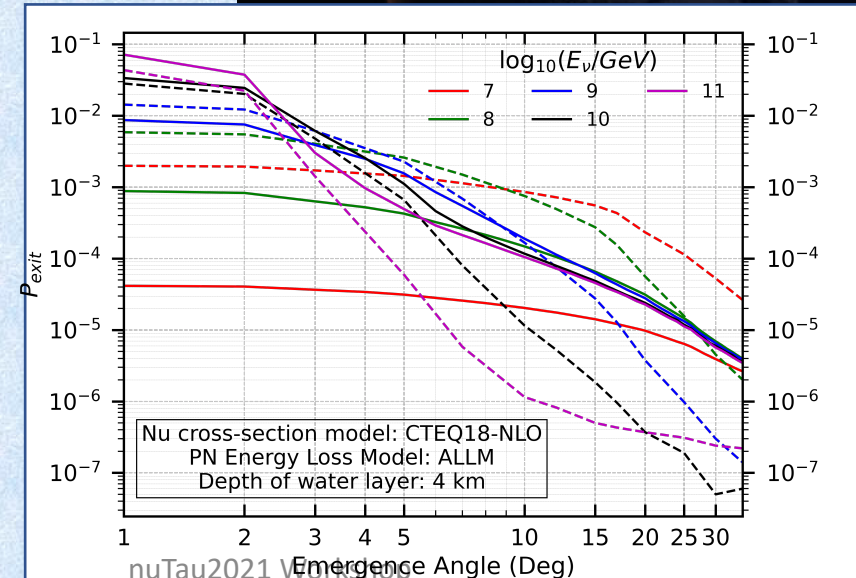
High-Energy Astrophysical Events generates neutrinos ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu$ ) and 3 neutrino flavors reach Earth via neutrino oscillations:  $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1:1:1$

**POEMMA designed to observe neutrinos with  $E > 20$  PeV through Cherenkov signal of EASs from Earth-emerging tau decays.**



$\nu_{\text{tau}}$

**Astrophysics Measurements:  
Regeneration Important!**



# ToO Neutrino Sensitivity: see *PhysRevD.102.123013*

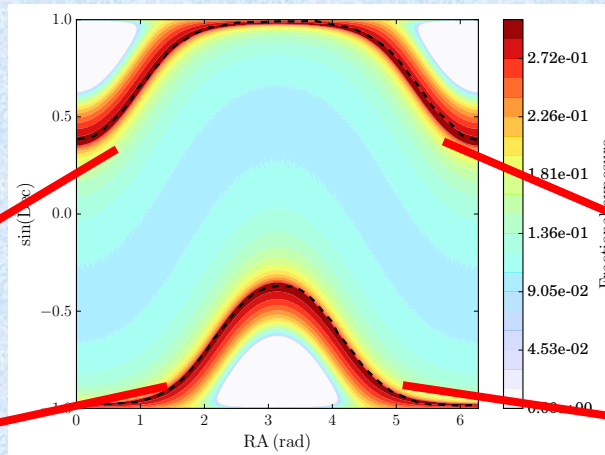


## Short Bursts:

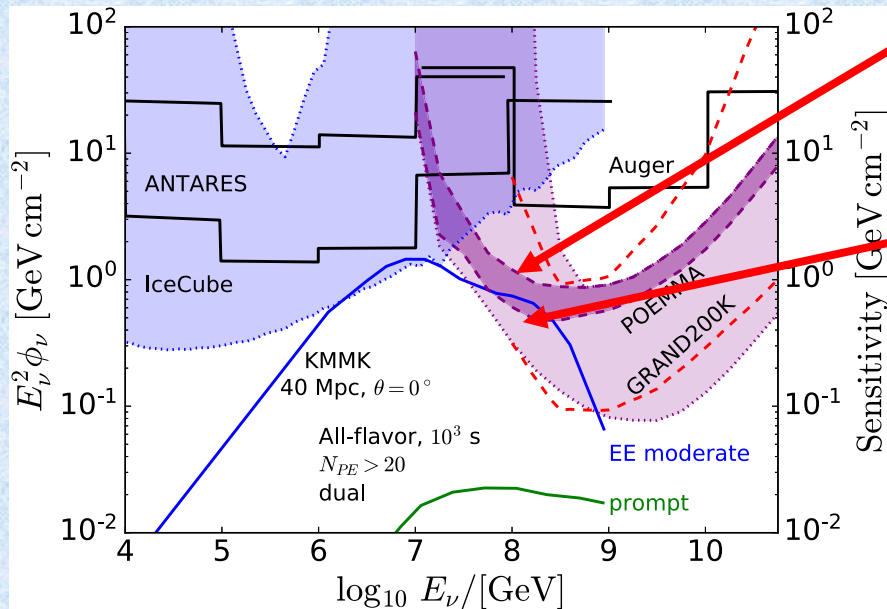
- 500 s to slew to source after alert
- 1000 s burst duration
- Source celestial location optimal
- Two independent Cher measurements
  - 300 km SatSep
- 20 PE threshold:
  - AirGlowBack <  $10^{-3}$ /year

17% hit for ignoring  $\tau \rightarrow \mu$  channel

One orbit sky exposure assuming slewing to source position

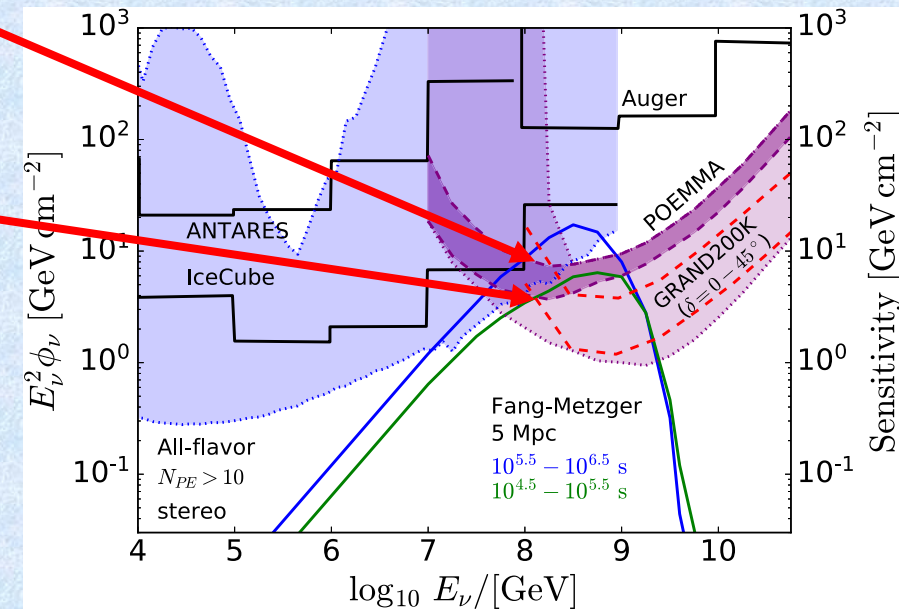


IceCube, ANTARES, Auger Limits for NS-NS merger GW170817



## Long Bursts:

- 3 to 24+hr to move SatSep to 50 km
- Burst duration  $\gtrsim 10^5$  s (models in plot)
- Average Sun and moon effects
- Simultaneous Cher measurements
  - 50 km SatSep
- 10 PE threshold (time coincidence):
  - AirGlowBack <  $10^{-3}$ /year



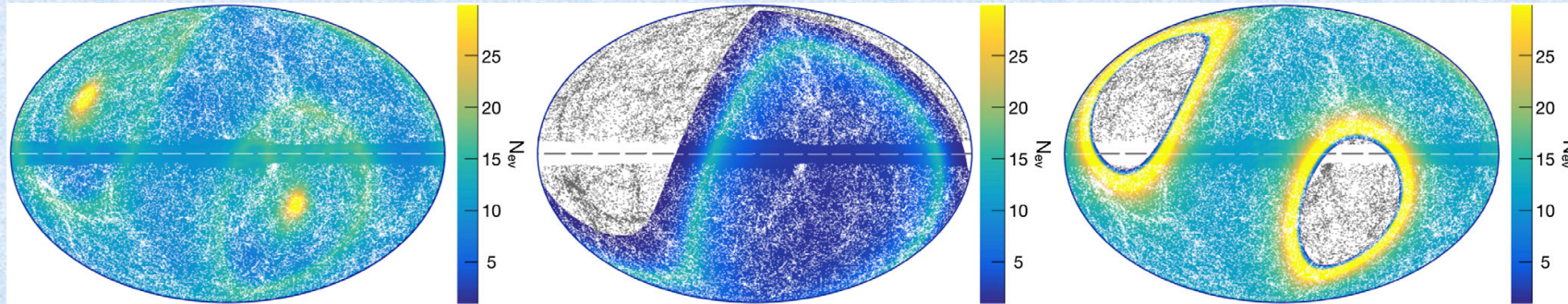


FIG. 7. Left: sky plot of the expected number of neutrino events as a function of galactic coordinates for POEMMA in the long-burst scenario of a BNS merger, as in the Fang and Metzger model [22], and placing the source at 5 Mpc. Point sources are galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [78]. Middle: same as at left for IceCube for muon neutrinos. Right: same as at left for GRAND200k. Areas with gray point sources are regions for which the experiment is expected to detect less than one neutrino.

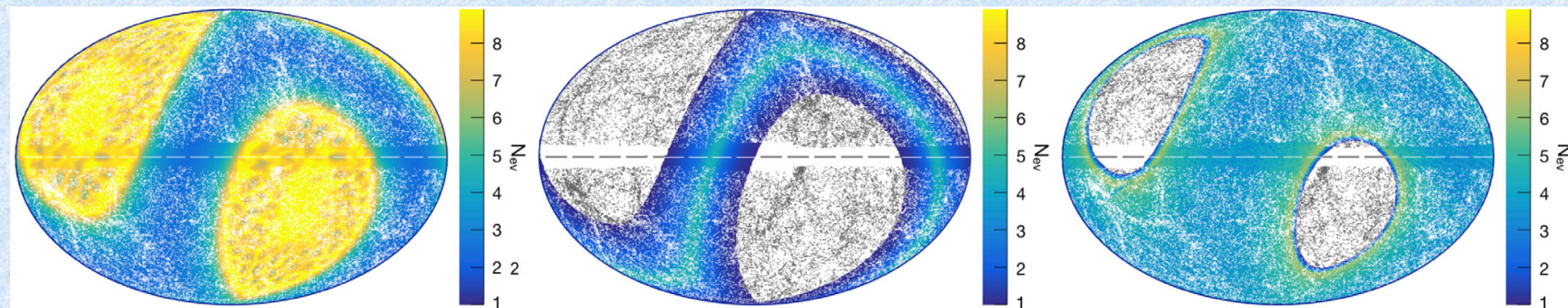


FIG. 8. Left: sky plot of the expected number of neutrino events as a function of galactic coordinates for POEMMA in the best-case short-burst scenario of an sGRB with moderate EE, as in the KMMK model [17], and placing the source at 40 Mpc. Point sources are galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [78]. Middle: same as at left for IceCube for muon neutrinos. Right: same as at left for GRAND200k. Areas with gray point sources are regions for which the experiment is expected to detect less than one neutrino.

# EUSO-SPB2: Sources of Cherenkov Signals

## Fluorescence: UHECRs EeV

First observation of UHECRs from near-orbit altitude with the fluorescence technique

Search for “ANITA upward Event Candidates”

EUSO-SPB2  
Wanaka NZ  
2023

## Cherenkov: PeV

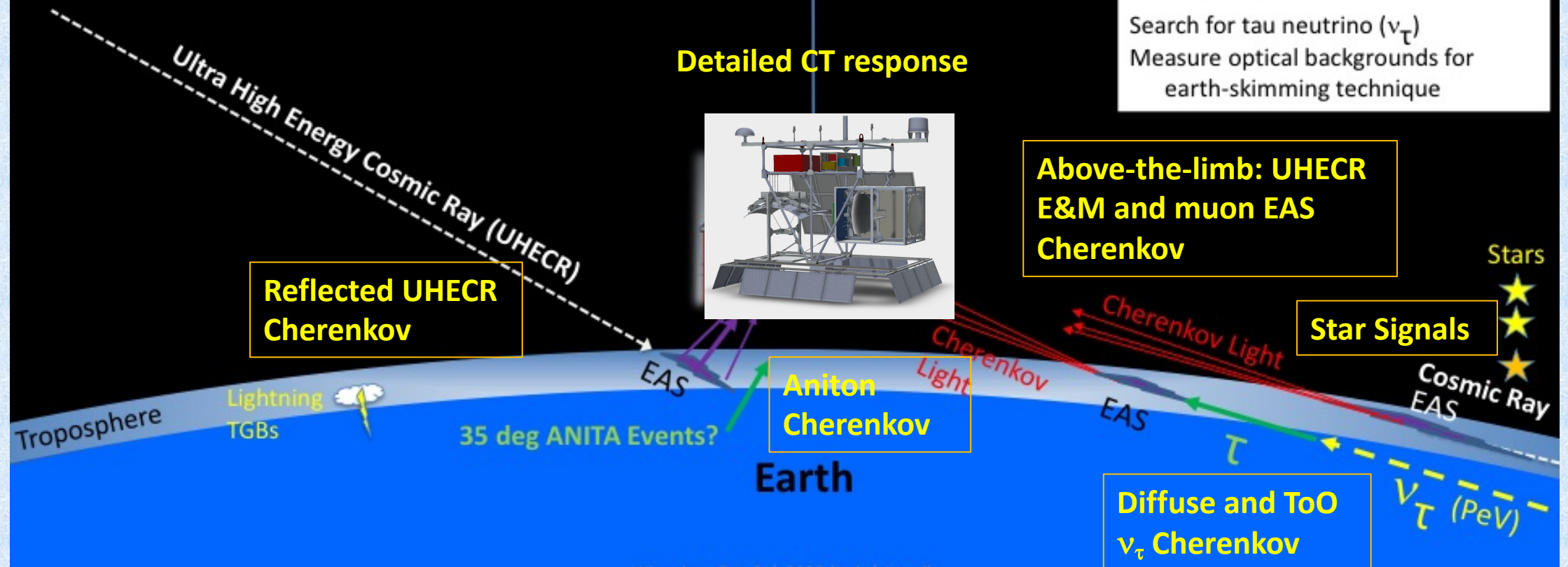
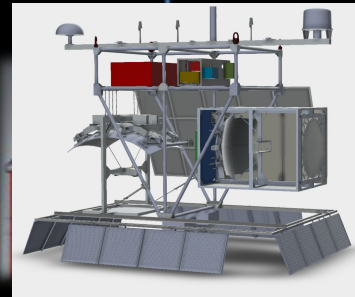
Above Limb:

First Observation of Cosmic Rays from near-orbit altitude with the Direct Cherenkov Technique

Below Limb:

Search for tau neutrino ( $\nu_\tau$ )  
Measure optical backgrounds for earth-skimming technique

## Detailed CT response



# Future Modeling Motivation from initial Simulation Studies



Space-based Diffuse flux sensitivity limited by Field-of-View, exposure and or energy threshold:

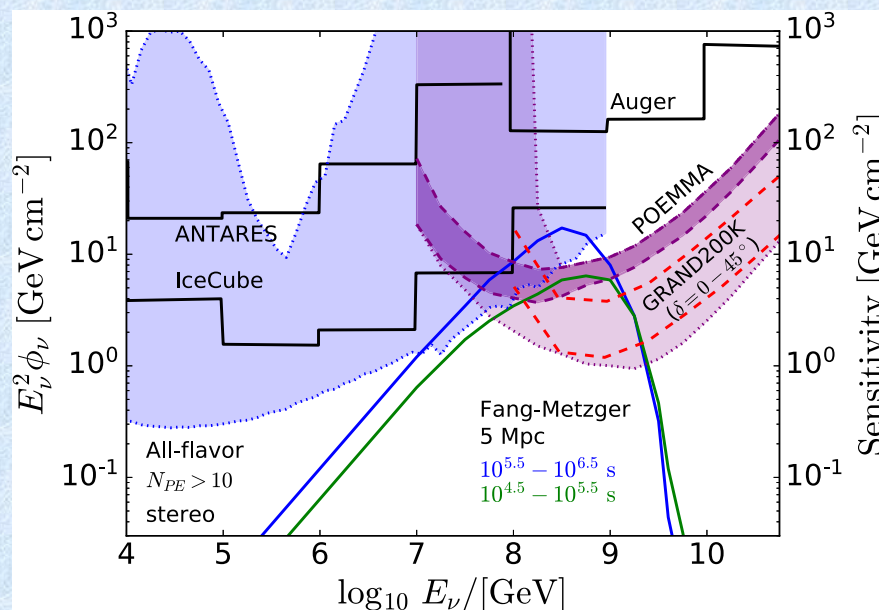
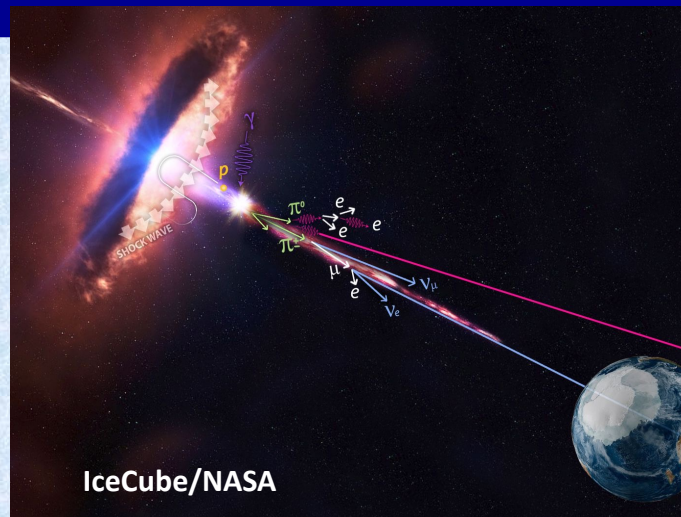
- For POEMMA:

- **Optical Cherenkov:  $E_\nu \gtrsim 20$  PeV**, but view of limb is  $7^\circ \times 30^\circ$ , exposure limited compared to current ground-based experiments  $\rightarrow$  goto  $\Delta\phi = 360^\circ$ ?
- Fluorescence: large neutrino aperture, but  $E_\nu \gtrsim 20$  EeV

- **However, sensitivity to transient sources  $\sim$  instantaneous neutrino aperture & can 'follow source' : sensitivity assumes  $A_{\text{eff}} = 2.5 \text{ m}^2$**

**Motivates the development of a robust, versatile simulation tool and to include EAS radio signal generation.**

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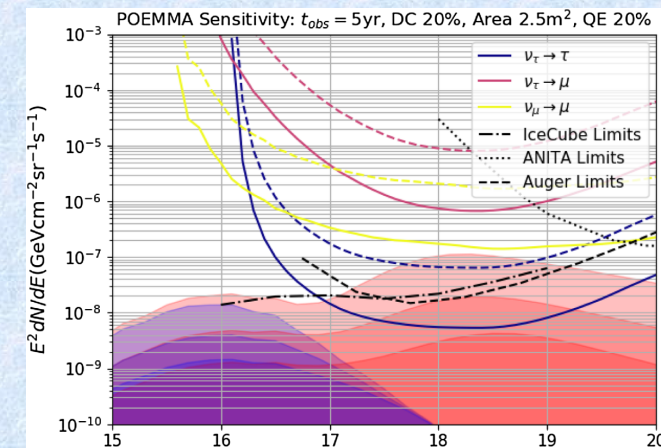


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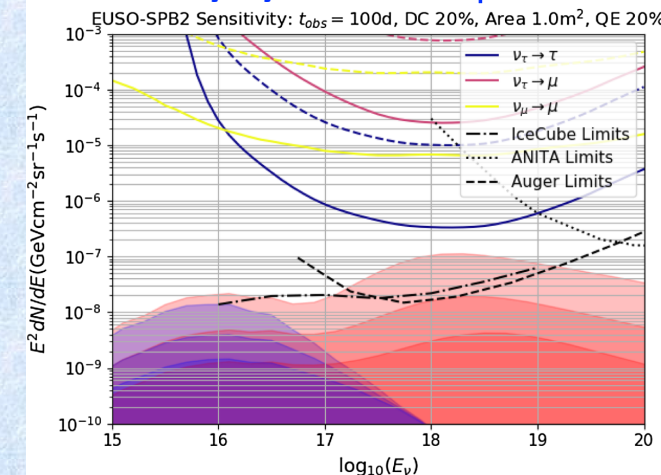
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**20% Duty Cycle; solid  $\Delta\phi = 360^\circ$**



*PhysRevD.103.043017:*

A.L. Cummings, R. Aloisi, J.F. Krizmanic

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow \text{EAS}$  and  $\nu_\tau \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow \text{EAS}$  channels.

# $\tau$ -lepton decay induced Upward-moving EAS properties

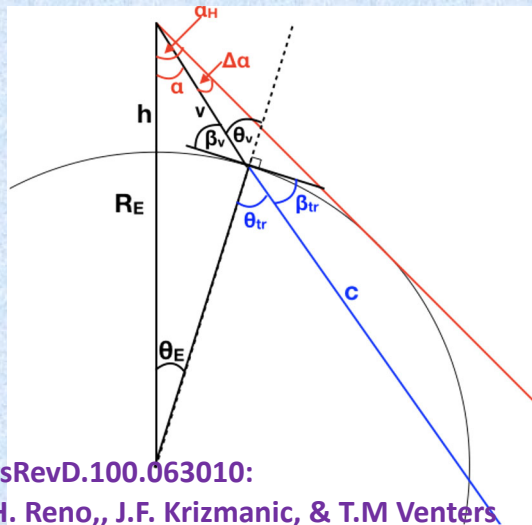


FIG. 1. Geometry for detecting an EAS from an upward-moving tau neutrino. The angles  $\beta_v$  and  $\theta_v$  label the elevation angle and local zenith angle for the point along the line of sight. Angles  $\beta_{tr}$  and  $\theta_{tr}$  describe the emerging tau trajectory.

	Altitude [km]		
	3	33	525
HorizAng [deg]	88.24	84.18	67.50
HorizAng -Alpha [deg]	Earth Emerg Ang [deg]		
1	2.13	3.56	6.97
3	4.42	6.64	12.33
5	6.53	9.14	16.24
7	8.58	11.44	19.60
10	11.63	14.74	24.09
15	16.67	20.02	30.83
25	26.70	30.32	43.01
35	36.72	40.47	54.44

## PoS(ICRC2021)1203 : S. Patel, M.H Reno, for vSpaceSim Stochastic vs Continuous Floss

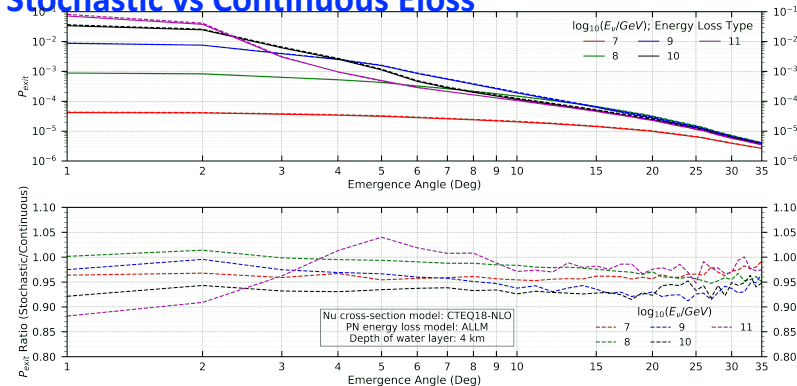


Figure 3: Exit probability  $P_{\text{exit}}$  versus Earth emergence angle  $\beta_{tr}$  for stochastic (solid) and continuous (dashed) energy loss modeling ( $\nu_\tau \rightarrow \tau$ ) (upper) and the ratio of stochastic to continuous evaluation of  $P_{\text{exit}}$  (lower).

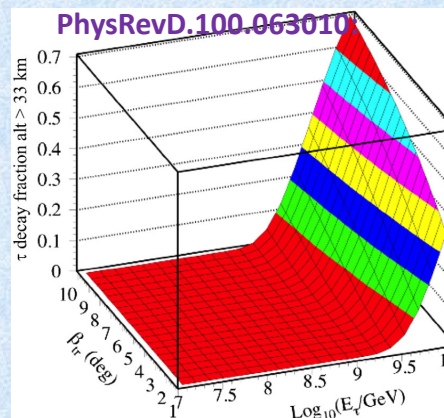
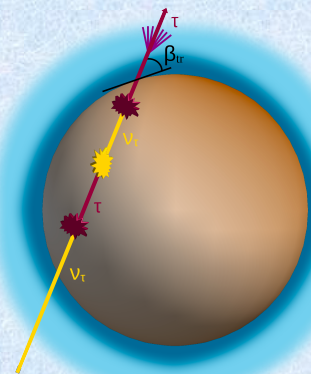


FIG. 17. The fraction of taus that decay at an altitude larger than 33 km, as a function of  $\beta_{tr}$  and  $\log_{10}(E_\tau/\text{GeV})$ . The colored bands show 0.1 increments of the tau decay fraction.

## PoS(ICRC2021)1205 : vSpaceSim Collaboration

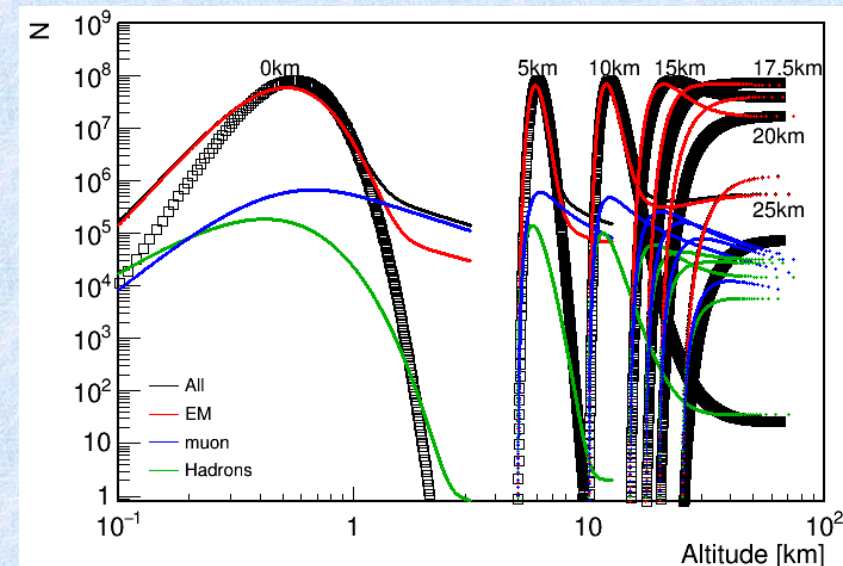


Figure 3: The average longitudinal EAS profiles from the CONEX simulation for 100 PeV pions for  $5^\circ$  Earth-emergence angle as a function of EAS starting altitudes. The various components (solid lines) are compared to the Greisen parameterization (black boxes).

- Vectorized Python wrapper than schedules modules written in higher-level languages, C, C++, Fortran.

- Inherent multi-core processing via *Dask*
- XML input format and HDF5 library and output format
- Led by Alex Reustle (GSC)

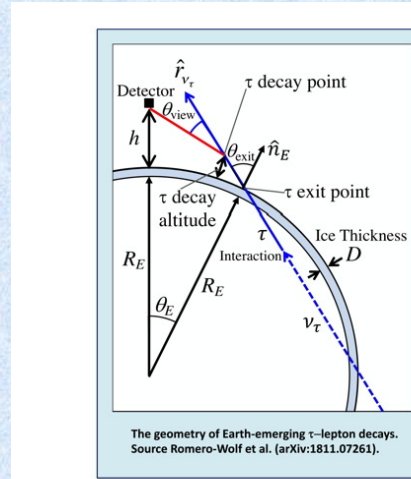
- Libraries pre-generated, with code of user to re-generate:

- $\tau$ -lepton exit Probability (nuPyProp, nuTauSim)
- $\tau$ -lepton decay tables (Pythia)
- EAS longitudinal profiles (CONEX)

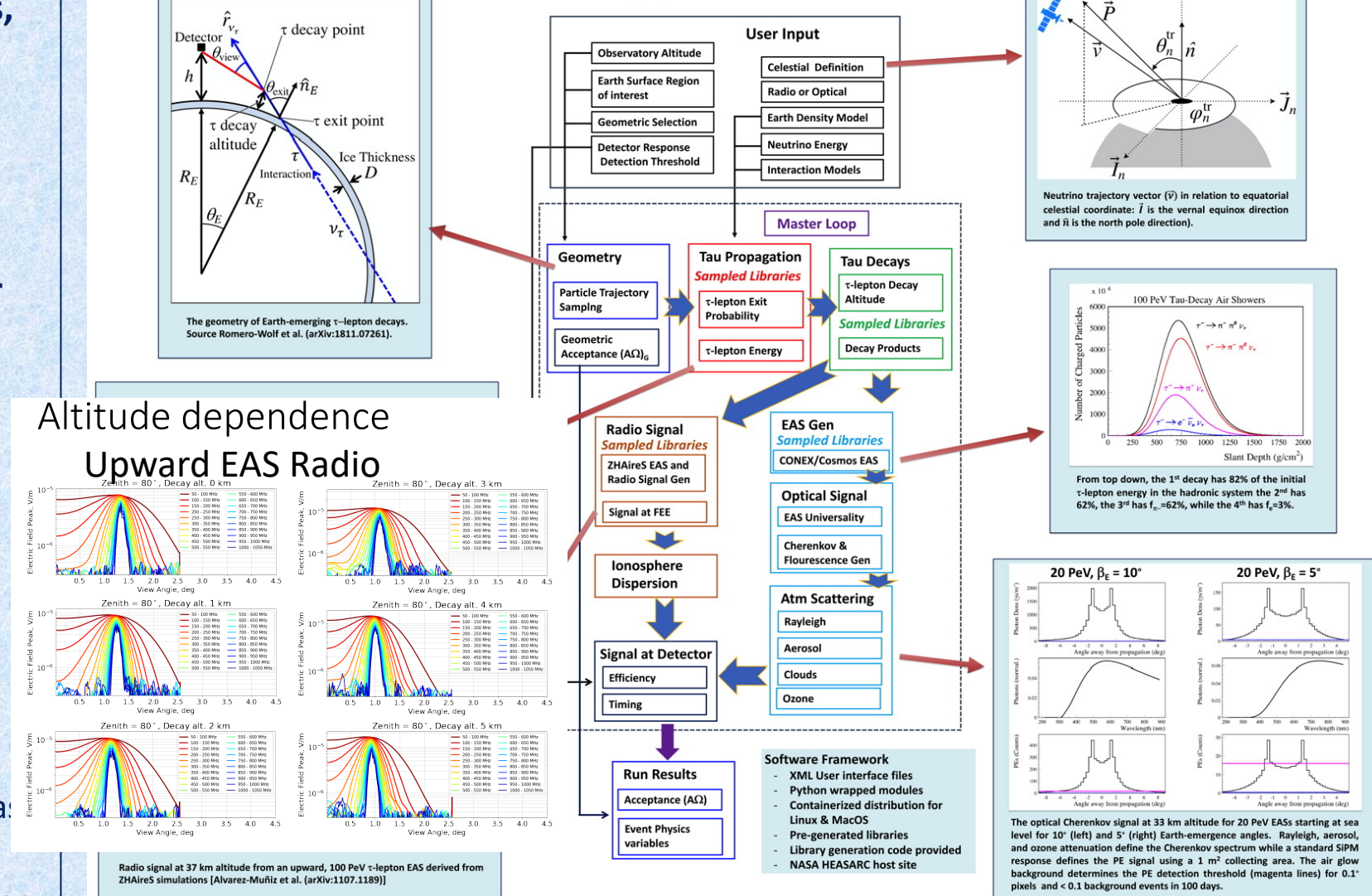
- Optical:

- Optical Cherenkov properties via EAS age
- Atmosphere definition:
  - Baseline for Rayleigh scattering, aerosol & ozone absorption
  - Cloud libraries from MERRA-2 database
  - Detailed Optical Detector modeling

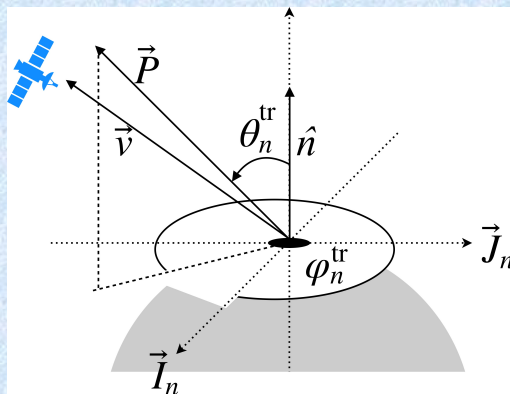
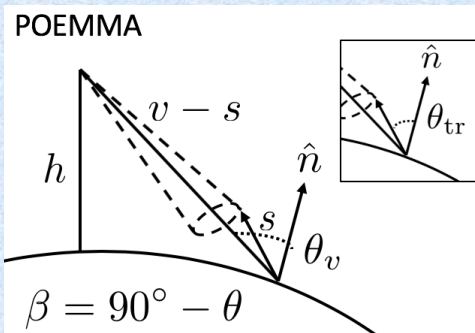
- Radio: based on ZHAireS simulated libraries



Earth-interacting  $\nu_\tau \rightarrow \tau$  EAS Simulation FlowChart



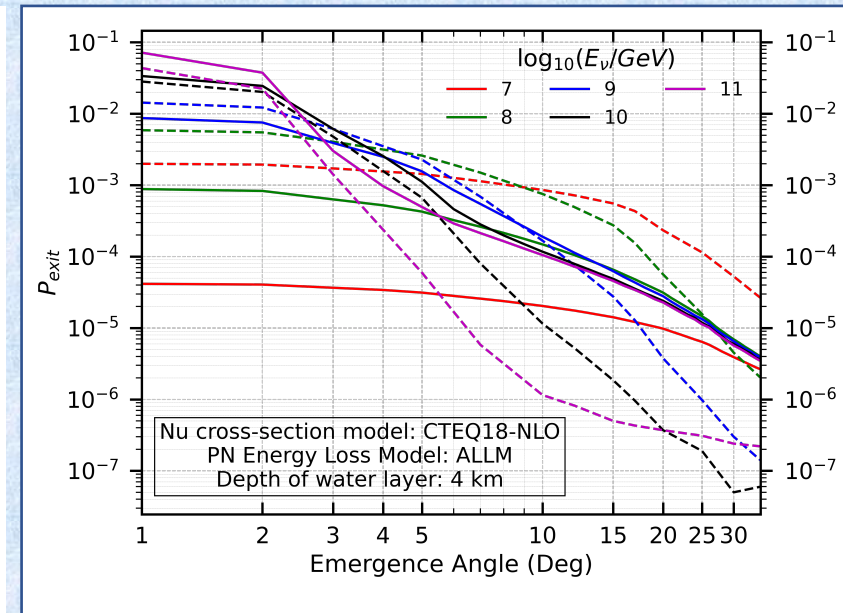
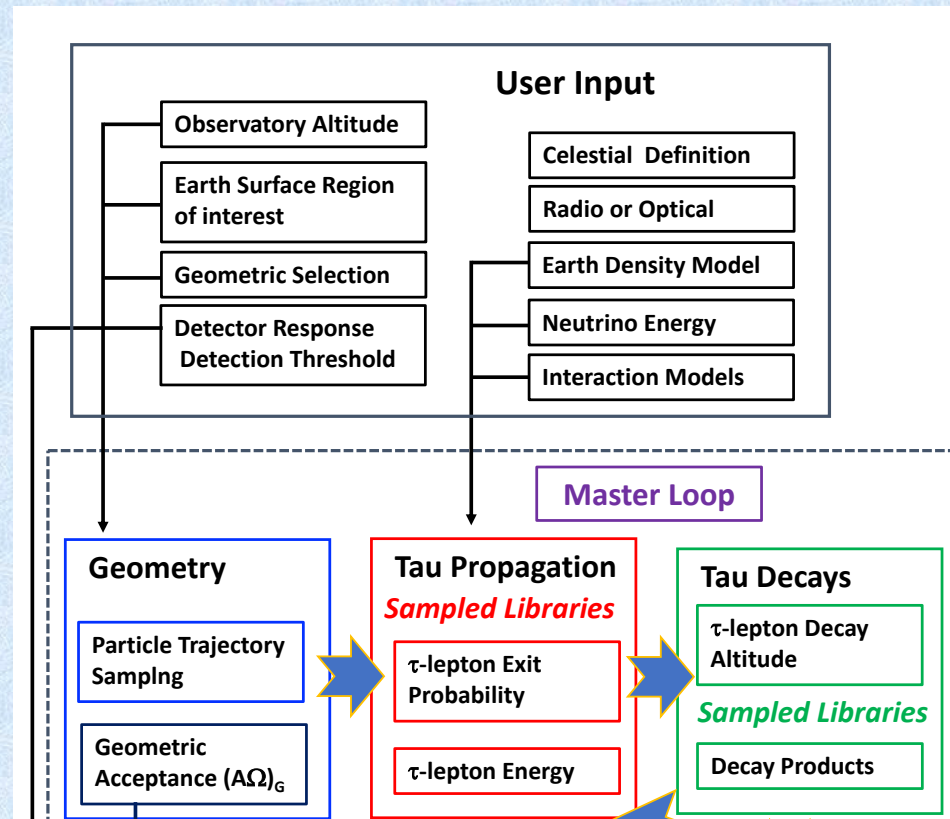
# User Input, Geometry, Tau Yield, EAS Generation



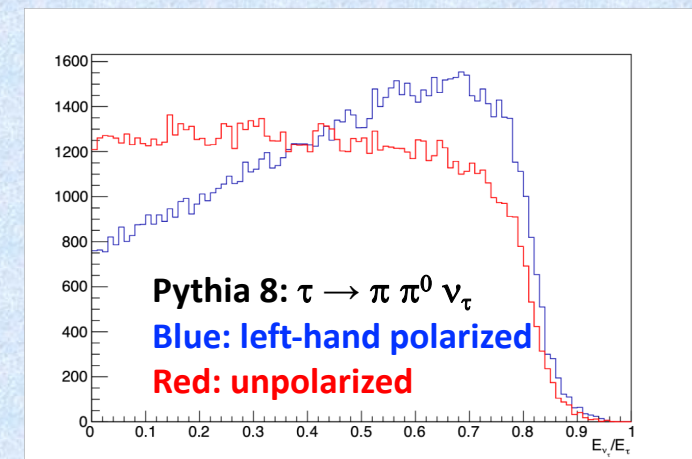
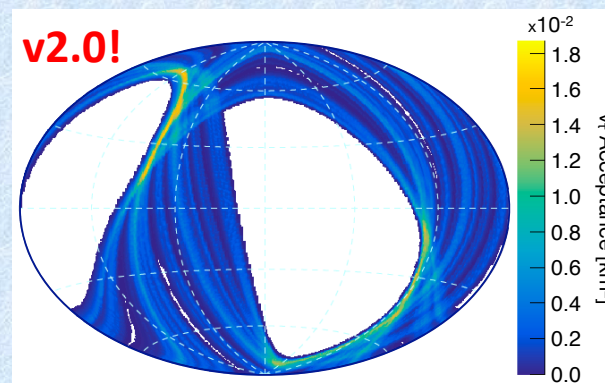
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Sky map of the sensitivity to transient neutrino fluxes for the EUSO-SPB2 ULDB instrument assuming observations in astronomical night near new moon.  
*implementation in progress.*

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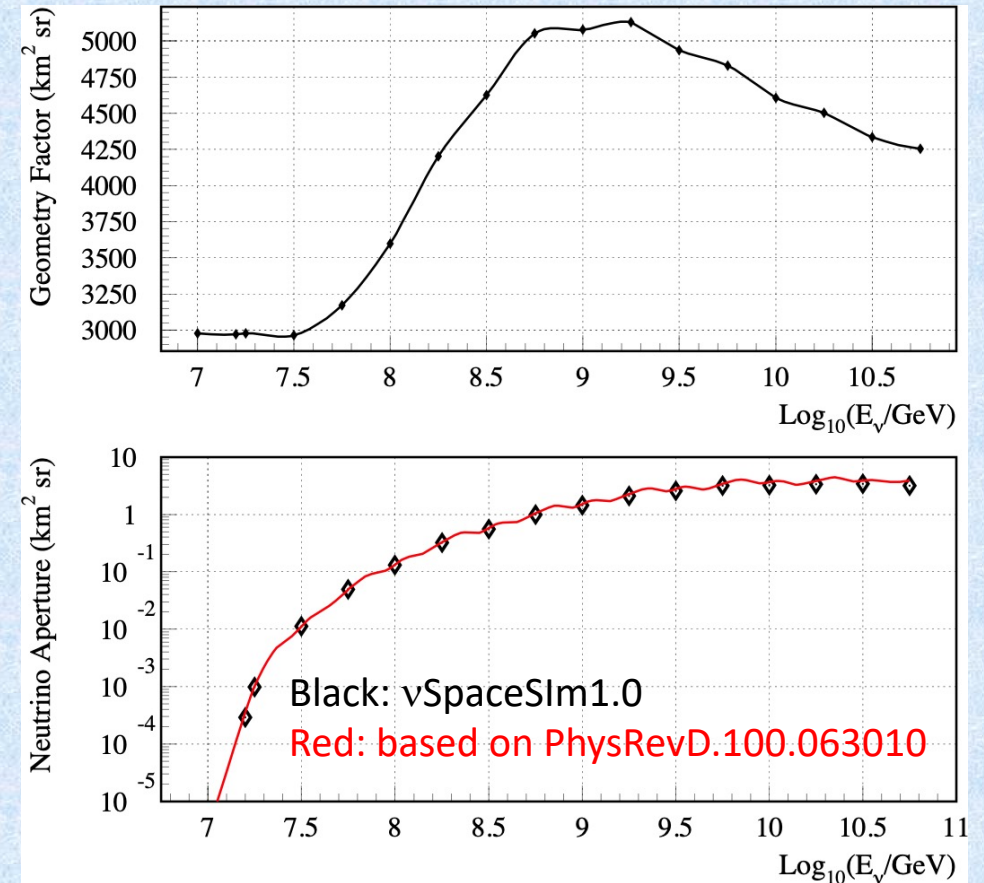


nuPyProp: S. Patel & M.H. Reno: PoS(ICRC2021)1203  
Will also include nuTauSim  $P_{\text{Exit}}$



## $\beta$ Version Optical Cherenkov Results

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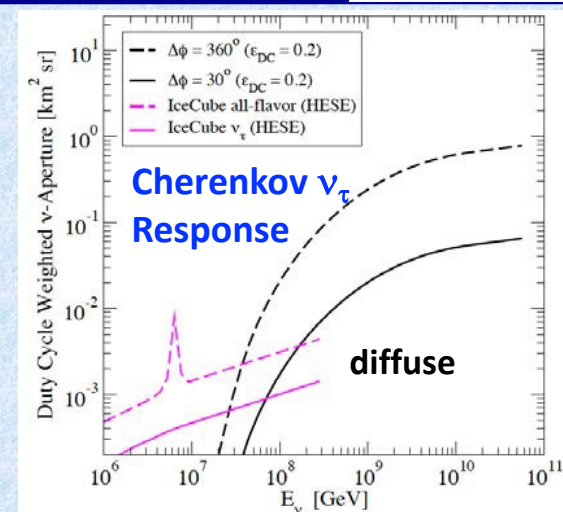
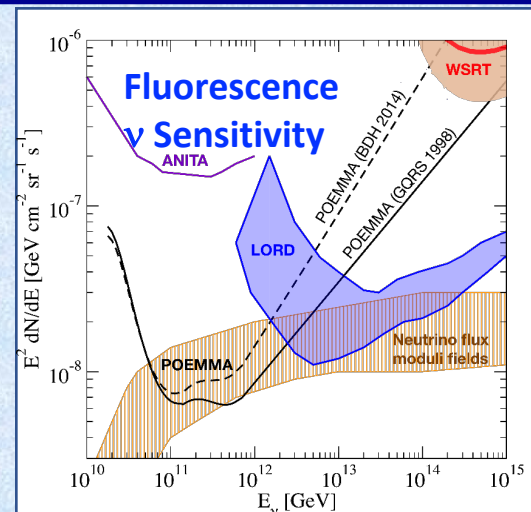


Vectorized Python wrapped higher-level language  
code with inherent multi-processing: takes ~ 5 hours  
to do this energy scan on my Mac

POEMMA is designed to open two new Cosmic Windows:

- **UHECRS ( $> 20$  EeV), to identify the source(s) of these extreme energy messengers**
  - All-sky coverage with significant increase in exposure
  - Stereo UHECR measurements of Spectrum, Composition, Anisotropy  $E_{CR} \geq 50$  EeV
    - Remarkable energy ( $< 20\%$ ), angular ( $\lesssim 1.2^\circ$ ), and composition ( $\sigma_{x_{max}} \lesssim 30$  g/cm<sup>2</sup>) resolutions
- **Leads to high sensitivity to UHE neutrinos ( $> 20$  EeV) via stereo air fluorescence measurements**
- **Neutrinos from astrophysical Transients ( $> 20$  PeV)**
  - Unique sensitivity to short- & long-lived transient events with 'full-sky' coverage
  - Highlights the low energy neutrino threshold nature of space-based optical Cherenkov method, even with duty cycle of order  $\sim 20\%$
- Astrophysics work continues including POEMMA sensitivity to SHDM  $\rightarrow \nu$ 's

C. Guepin et al.: arXiv:2106.04446 accepted in PhysRevD



Work in Progress:

- Awaiting Results from Astro2020
- νSpaceSim: Neutrino Simulation Development:
- EUSO-SPB2 (with Cherenkov Camera) under development to ULDB fly in 2023.
- Future Experimental Development:
  - **POEMMA360: 360° azimuth FoV to optimize for cosmic diffuse neutrino detection**
  - **Meter-sized  $A_{EFF}$  Optical Cherenkov telescope for cosmic neutrino transients: ISS & SmallSat**
  - **GSSI-lead Italian, SmallSat Terzina mission to use Optical Cherenkov to measure over-the-limb UHECRs**

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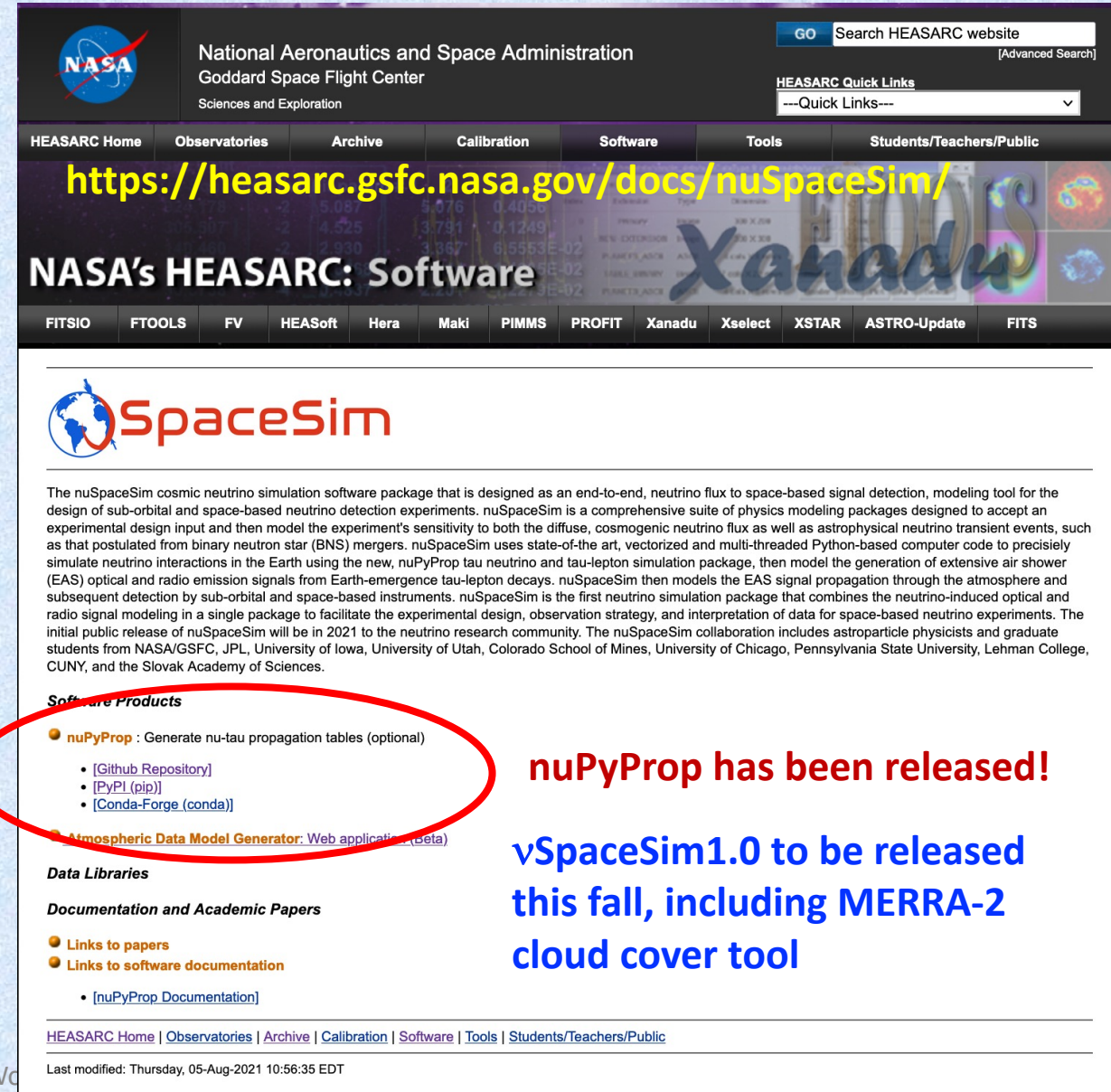
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 SpaceSim

The nuSpaceSim cosmic neutrino simulation software package that is designed as an end-to-end, neutrino flux to space-based signal detection, modeling tool for the design of sub-orbital and space-based neutrino detection experiments. nuSpaceSim is a comprehensive suite of physics modeling packages designed to accept an experimental design input and then model the experiment's sensitivity to both the diffuse, cosmogenic neutrino flux as well as astrophysical neutrino transient events, such as that postulated from binary neutron star (BNS) mergers. nuSpaceSim uses state-of-the-art, vectorized and multi-threaded Python-based computer code to precisely simulate neutrino interactions in the Earth using the new, nuPyProp tau neutrino and tau-lepton simulation package, then model the generation of extensive air shower (EAS) optical and radio emission signals from Earth-emergence tau-lepton decays. nuSpaceSim then models the EAS signal propagation through the atmosphere and subsequent detection by sub-orbital and space-based instruments. nuSpaceSim is the first neutrino simulation package that combines the neutrino-induced optical and radio signal modeling in a single package to facilitate the experimental design, observation strategy, and interpretation of data for space-based neutrino experiments. The initial public release of nuSpaceSim will be in 2021 to the neutrino research community. The nuSpaceSim collaboration includes astroparticle physicists and graduate students from NASA/GSFC, JPL, University of Iowa, University of Utah, Colorado School of Mines, University of Chicago, Pennsylvania State University, Lehman College, CUNY, and the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

**Software Products**

- **nuPyProp** : Generate nu-tau propagation tables (optional)
  - [\[Github Repository\]](#)
  - [\[PyPI \(pip\)\]](#)
  - [\[Conda-Forge \(conda\)\]](#)
- **Atmospheric Data Model Generator**: Web application (Beta)

**Data Libraries**

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**nuPyProp has been released!**

**vSpaceSim1.0 to be released  
this fall, including MERRA-2  
cloud cover tool**

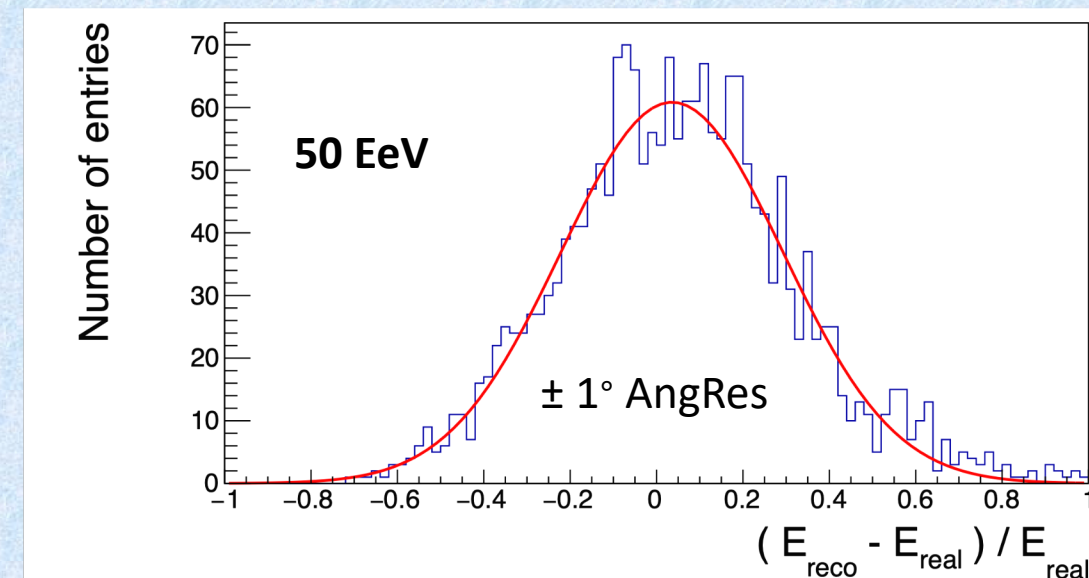
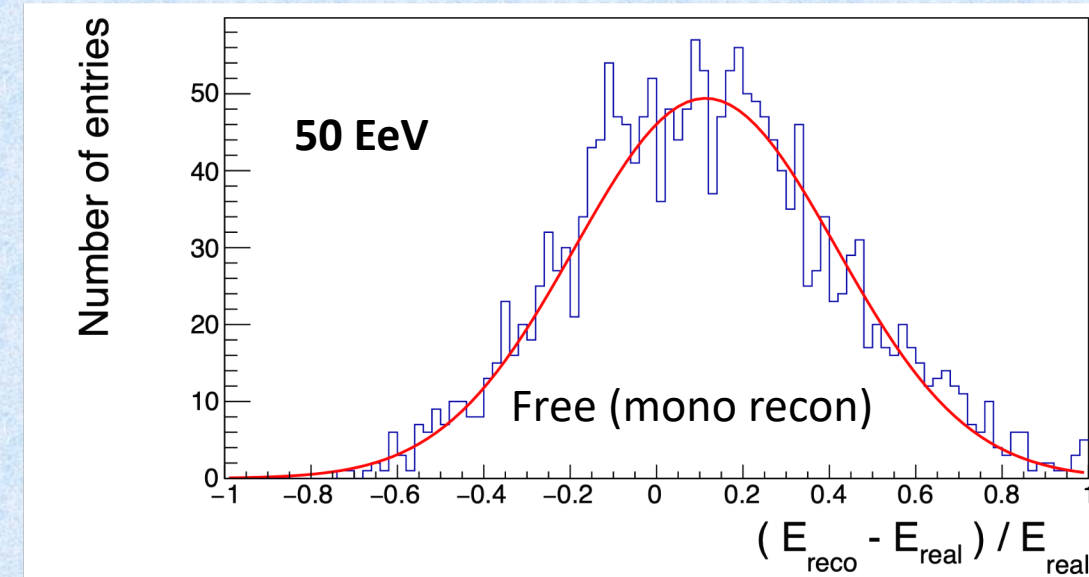


## Description:

- ESAF UHECR simulations using POEMMA parameterized optics
- 2.5  $\mu$ sec GTU timing, ESAF parameters:
  - QE: 0.2695
  - PMT separation: 27mm
  - Lateral dead space: 1.6692mm
  - Time resolution FEE: 10 ns
  - FOV: 22.5 deg
  - Optics Radius: 1650mm
  - FS radius: 830mm
  - Spot size, defined by POEMMA parameterized optics
  - Altitude: 525km
  - Background: 1.54 CTS/ $\mu$ s (rescaled JE value)

## Results (Monocular Reconstruction):

- 1e20 eV FIX: -1%  $\pm$  22%:
- **1e20 eV  $\pm$  1deg: -1.5%  $\pm$  24%  $\rightarrow$  24%/ $\sqrt{2}$  = 17.0% POEMMA Stereo Eres**
- 1e20 eV FREE: -2.5%  $\pm$  28%
- 5e19 eV FIX: 4.4%  $\pm$  25%
- **5e19 eV  $\pm$  1deg: 3.5%  $\pm$  26%  $\rightarrow$  26%/ $\sqrt{2}$  = 18.4% POEMMA Stereo Eres**
- 5e19 eV FREE: 11%  $\pm$  30%



# POEMMA: proton-Air Cross Section Measurements



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Assuming 1400 UHECRs for  $E_{CR} \geq 40$  EeV

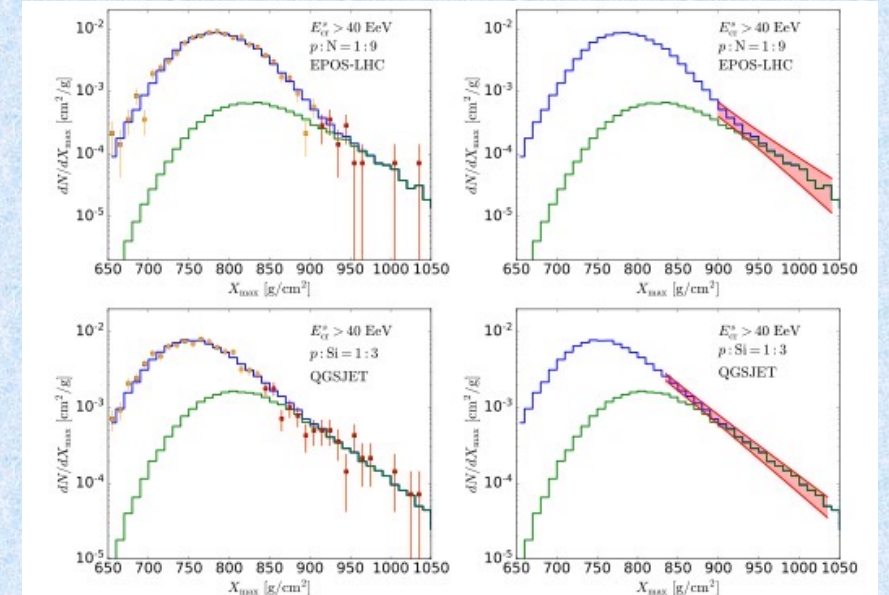
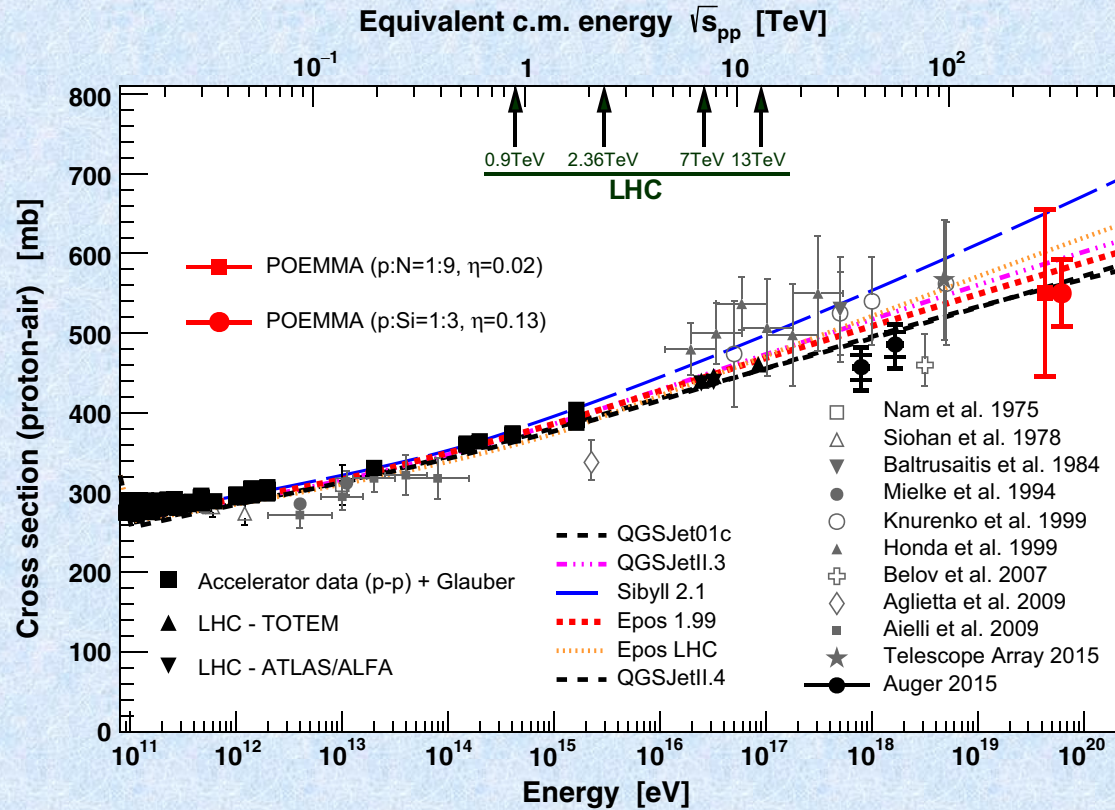


FIG. 41: The energy and  $X_{\max}$  smeared distribution  $dN/dX_{\max}$  for QGSJETII.04 (upper panels) and EPOS-LHC (lower panels) from the parameterization of Ref. [150] for  $E_{CR} > 40$  EeV and  $p:N = 1:9$ ,  $\eta = 0.02$  (upper) and  $p:Si = 1:3$ ,  $\eta = 0.13$  (lower). The blue histograms show the full  $X_{\max}$  distributions, while the green histograms show the proton components. The data points, with error bars, show the distribution of events for one sample of  $N_{\text{events}} = 1,400$  events with error bars according to  $\sqrt{N_i}/N_{\text{events}}$ , for  $N_i$  the number of events in the bin  $i$ . The red data points show  $X_{\max}$  bins above  $X_{\max}^{\text{start}}$ . In the right panels, and shaded red band shows the slope of the tail determined by  $\Lambda_p^{\text{opt}}$  with  $1\sigma$  statistical errors on  $\Lambda_p^{\text{opt}}$  and the number of events above  $X_{\max}$ .

FIG. 26. Potential of a measurement of the UHE proton-air cross section with POEMMA. Shown are also current model predictions and a complete compilation of accelerator data converted to a proton-air cross section using the Glauber formalism. The expected uncertainties for two composition scenarios (left,  $p:N = 1:9$ ; right,  $p:Si = 1:3$ ) are shown as red markers with error bars. The two points are slightly displaced in energy for better visibility.

# POEMMA: UHECR Background Probability Analysis

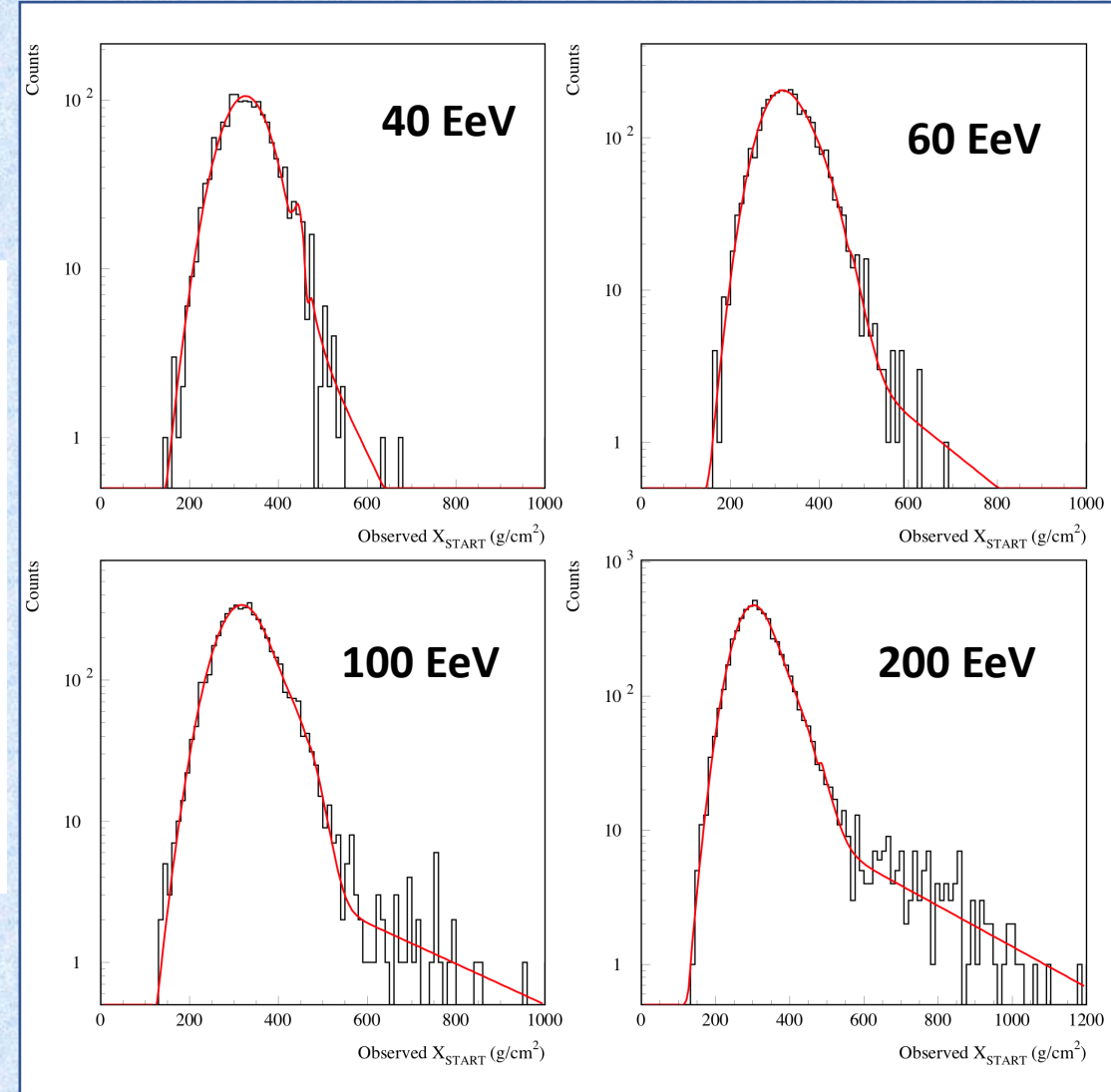


**UHECR observed proton background probabilities as a function of energy and observed  $X_{\text{START}}$  based on 5 year observation with the Auger and TA measured spectra.**

$X_{\text{Start}}$	40 EeV	60 EeV	100 EeV	200 EeV	Sum
<b>Auger Spectrum: <math>N_{\text{Obs}} \geq 1</math></b>					
$\geq 1500 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-2}$
$\geq 2000 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$2.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.6 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Auger Spectrum: <math>N_{\text{Obs}} \geq 2</math></b>					
$\geq 1500 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-4}$
$\geq 2000 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$3.9 \times 10^{-14}$	$8.4 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$
<b>TA Spectrum: <math>N_{\text{Obs}} \geq 1</math></b>					
$\geq 1500 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$
$\geq 2000 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$4.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Ta Spectrum: <math>N_{\text{Obs}} \geq 2</math></b>					
$\geq 1500 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$3.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-2}$
$\geq 2000 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$1.0 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-4}$

**UHECR Fake  $\nu$ 's Background (1 event in 5 years):**

- **Auger Spectrum (100% H):  $< 1\%$**
- **TA Spectrum (100% H):  $\approx 4\%$**

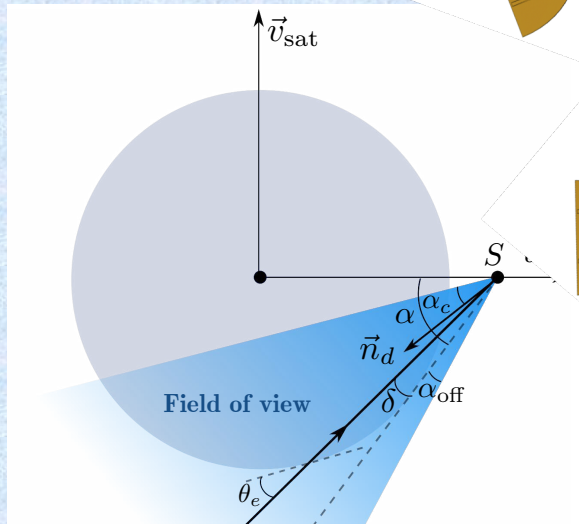
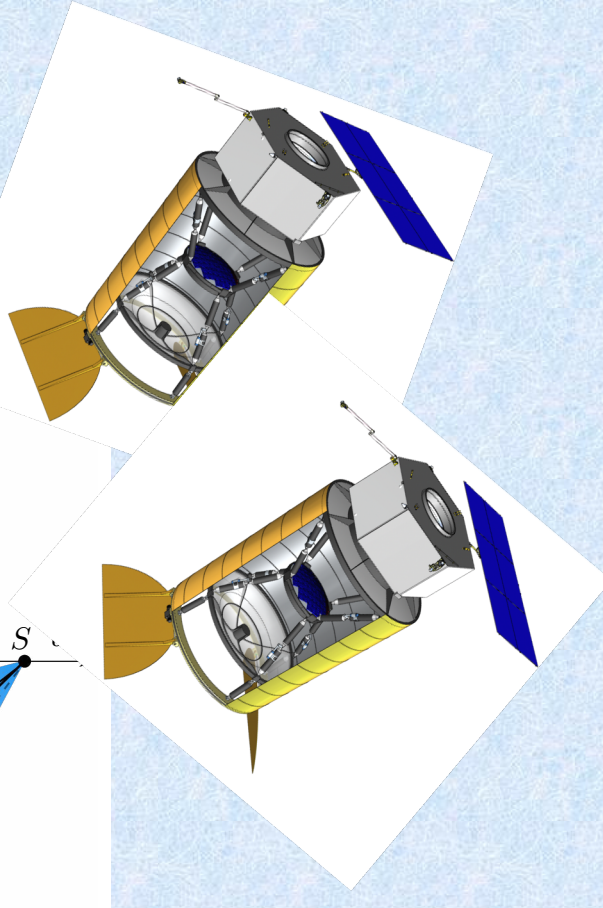


# POEMMA Transient Neutrino Detection



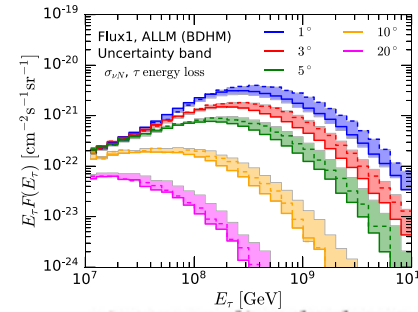
## Flight Dynamics/Propulsion:

- 300 km  $\Rightarrow$  25 km SatSep
  - Puts both in CherLight Pool
- $\Delta t = 3$  hr: 8 – 15 times
- $\Delta t = 24$  hr: 90 times

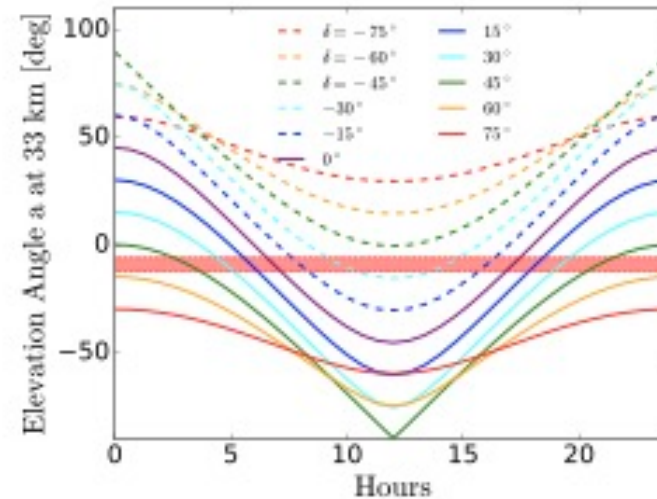


Avionics on each POEMMA satellite allow for slewing : 90° in 500 sec

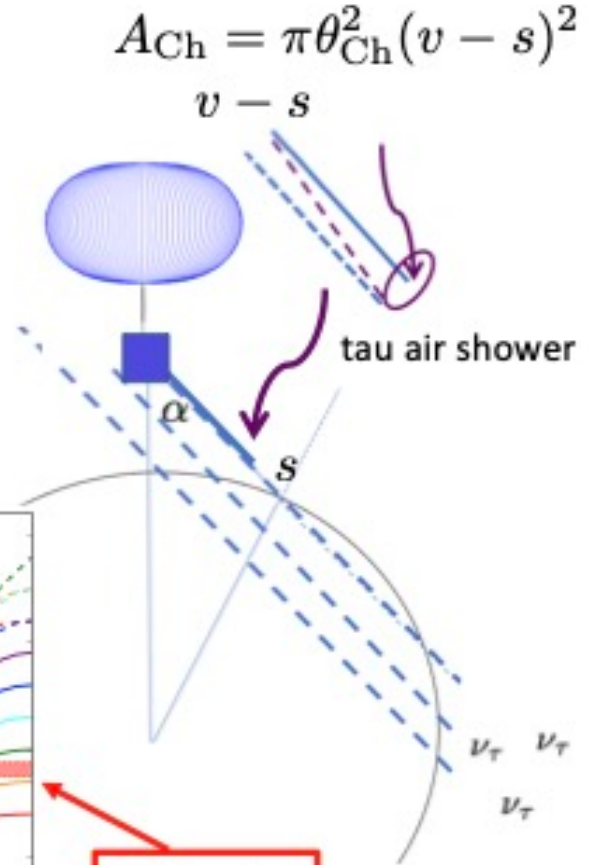
EUSO-SPB2 Work by M.H Reno, T. Venters, and JFK (see ICRC21 presentations)



Source dips below the horizon



Mary Hall Reno, University of Iowa



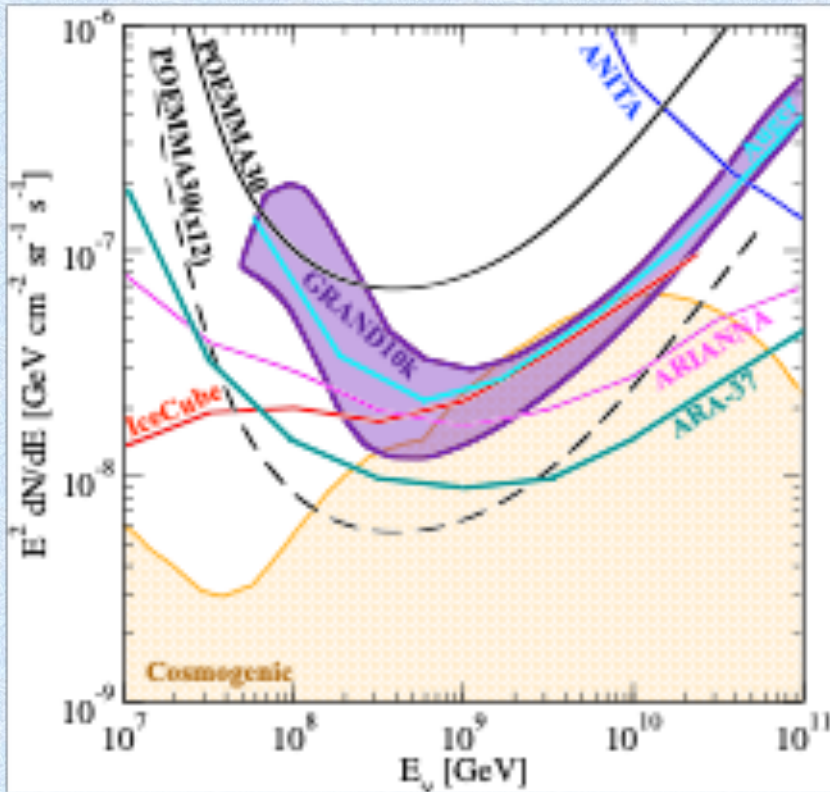
red band:  
observable

# POEMMA Cosmic Neutrino Flux Sensitivity

Air fluorescence UHE limits not included in plot



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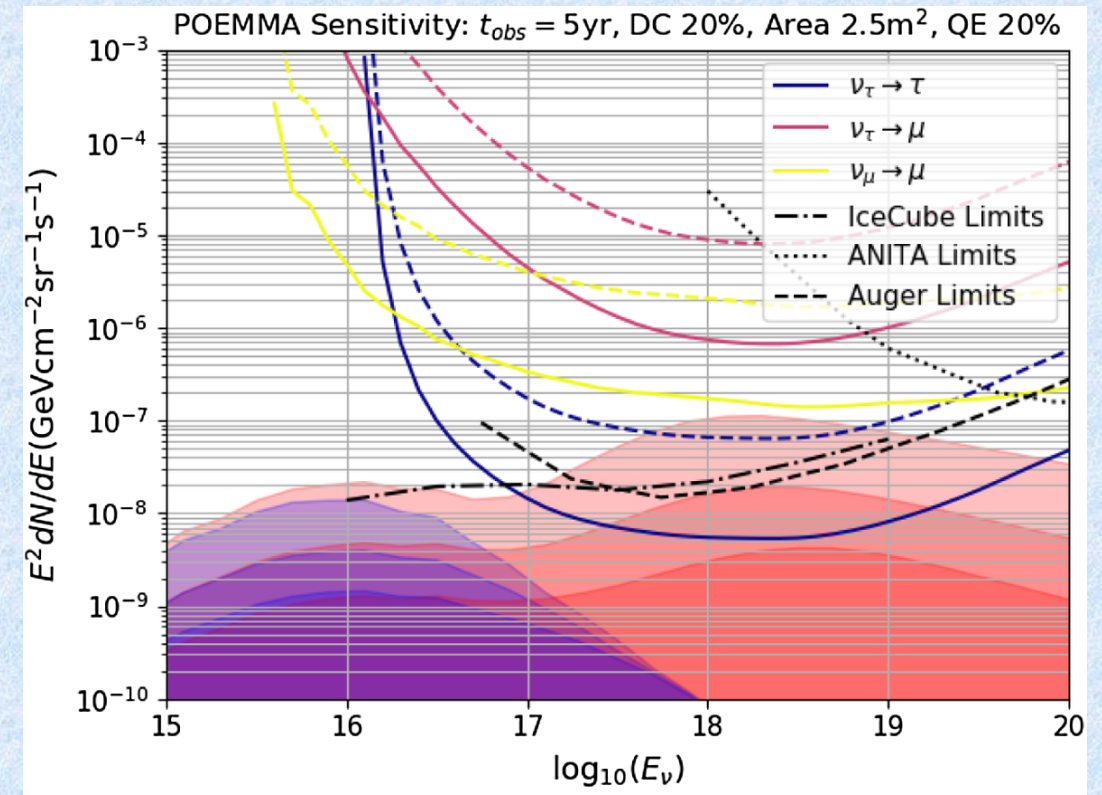


All flavor Sensitivity Limit:

- 5 year
- 20% duty cycle
- 10 PE threshold with time coincidence to reduce air glow background 'false positives'
- 2.44 events/decade (90% CL)
- **17% hit for ignoring  $\mu$  channel**
- Viewing to  $7^\circ$  away from Limb (or to  $\sim 20^\circ$  Earth Emerg Angle)
- $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1:1:1$

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# Over-the-Limb VHECR Cherenkov Observations:

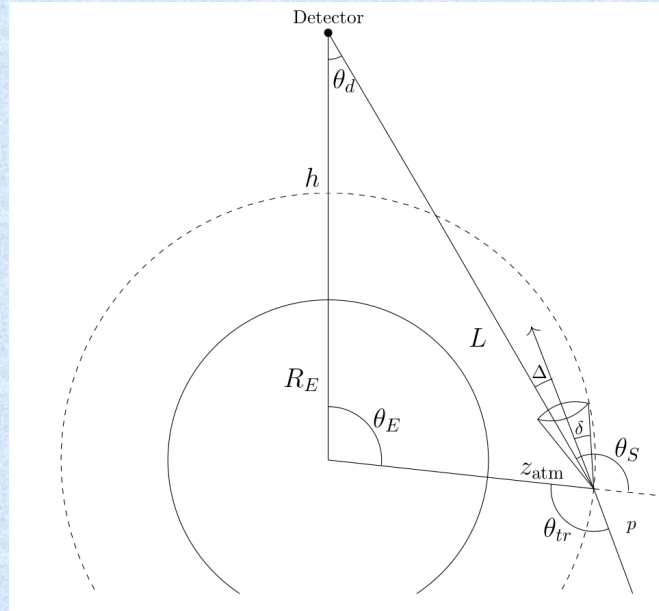


FIG. 1. Geometry of measuring the Cherenkov signal from cosmic rays arriving from above the Earth horizon in the case of a space based instrument.

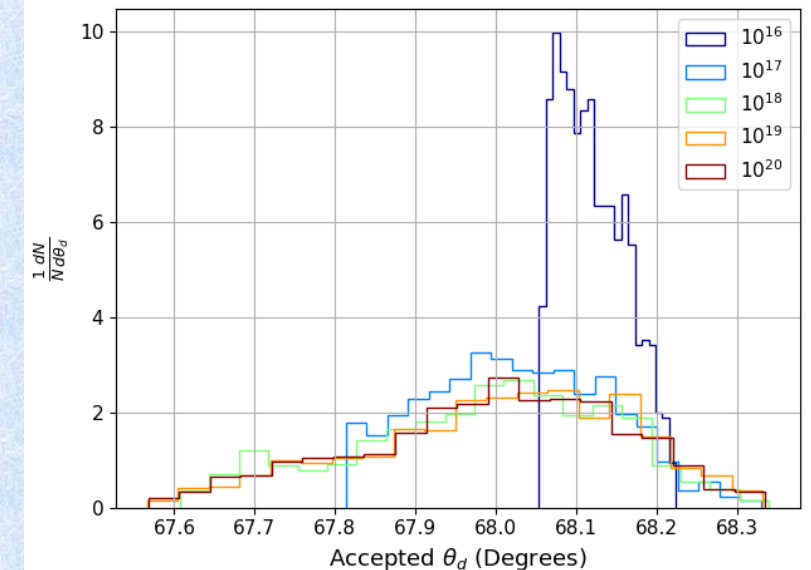
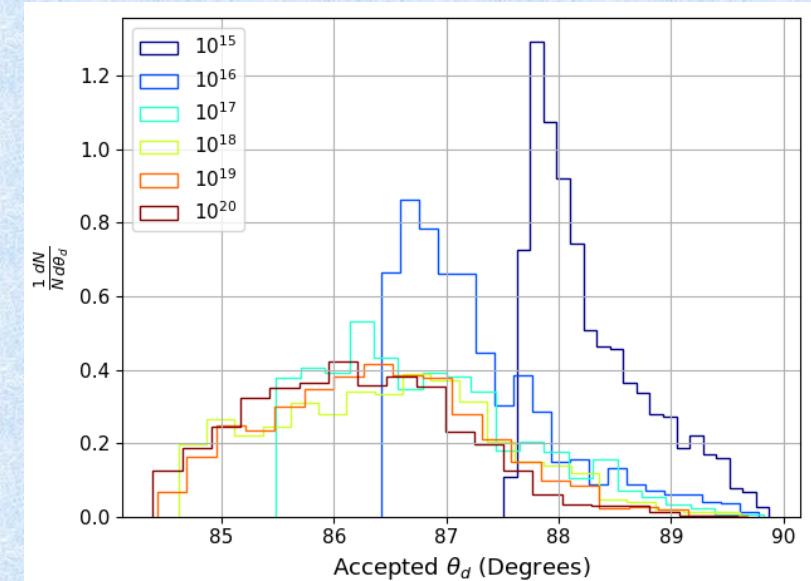
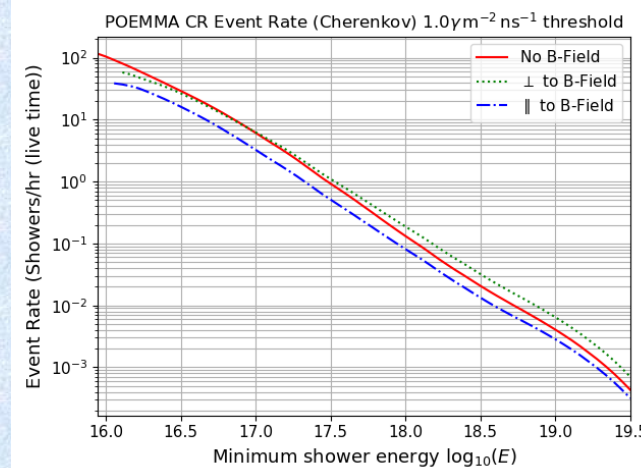
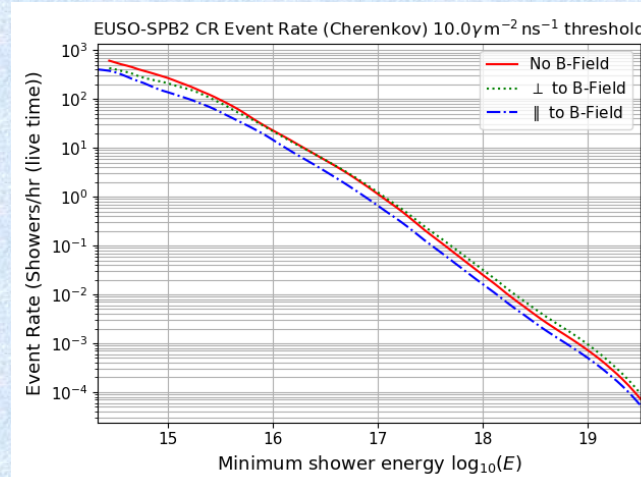
*Modelling the Optical Cherenkov Signals by Cosmic Ray Extensive Air Showers Observed from Sub-Orbital and Orbital Altitudes*

**Cummings, A. L.; Aloisio, R.; Eser, J. Krizmanic, J. F.**

**PhysRevD.104.063029**

*Includes effects of geomagnetic field on upward-moving and high-altitude EAS*

1-Oct-21



arXiv:1803.05088v1

TABLE I: ANITA-I,-III anomalous upward air showers.

event, flight	3985267, ANITA-I	15717147, ANITA-III
date, time	2006-12-28,00:33:20UTC	2014-12-20,08:33:22.5UTC
Lat., Lon. <sup>(1)</sup>	-82.6559, 17.2842	-81.39856, 129.01626
Altitude	2.56 km	2.75 km
Ice depth	3.53 km	3.22 km
El., Az.	-27.4 ± 0.3°, 159.62 ± 0.7°	-35.0 ± 0.3°, 61.41 ± 0.7°
RA, Dec <sup>(2)</sup>	282.14064, +20.33043	50.78203, +38.65498
$E_{shower}^{(3)}$	0.6 ± 0.4 EeV	0.56 <sup>+0.3</sup> <sub>-0.2</sub> EeV

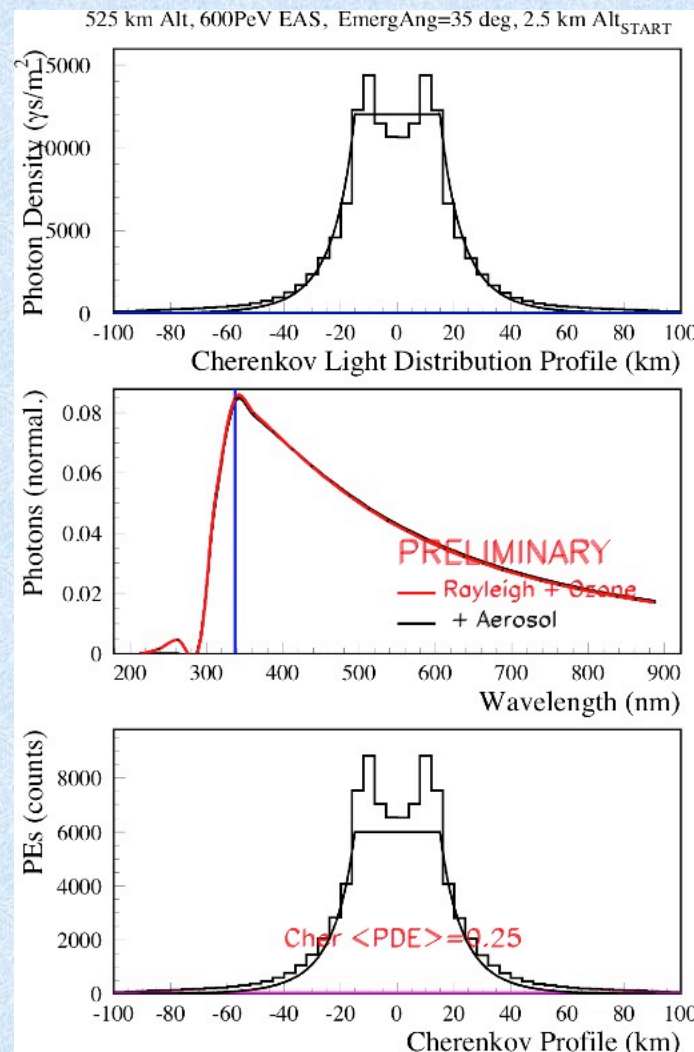
<sup>1</sup> Latitude, Longitude of the estimated ground position of the event.

<sup>2</sup> Sky coordinates projected from event arrival angles at ANITA.

<sup>3</sup> For upward shower initiation at or near ice surface.

alt [km]	elevation [deg]	alpha [deg]	beta_e [deg]
34	-27.4	62.6	26.8
34	-35	55	34.6

**POEMMA can tilt to view 9° × 30° ‘spot’**  
**But these events may be bright enough**  
**to be seen in the UV fluorescence**  
**detector with ~1 usec coincidence.**



$\theta_{CONE} = 1.0$  deg

$\omega \approx 1.e-3$  sr

$\theta_{EFF} \approx 4.5$  deg

$\omega \approx 2.e-2$  sr

$\tau$ -lepton

$\gamma_{CT} \sim 60$  km

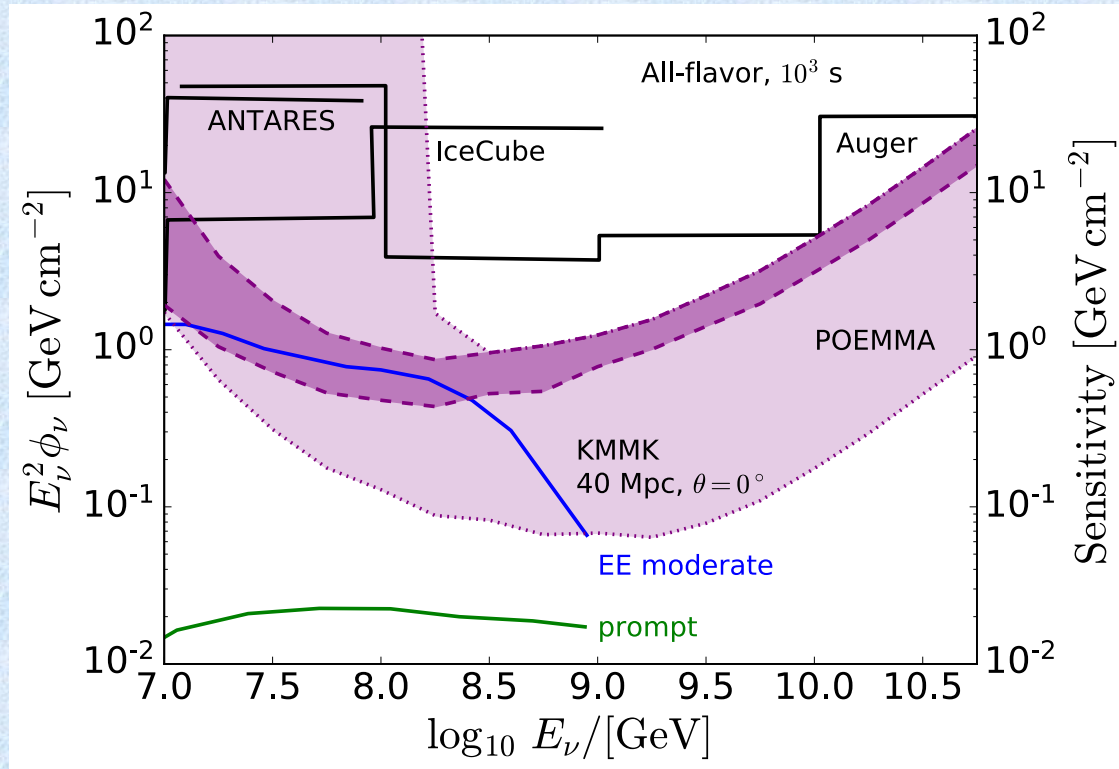
for 1.2 EeV

**POEMMA**

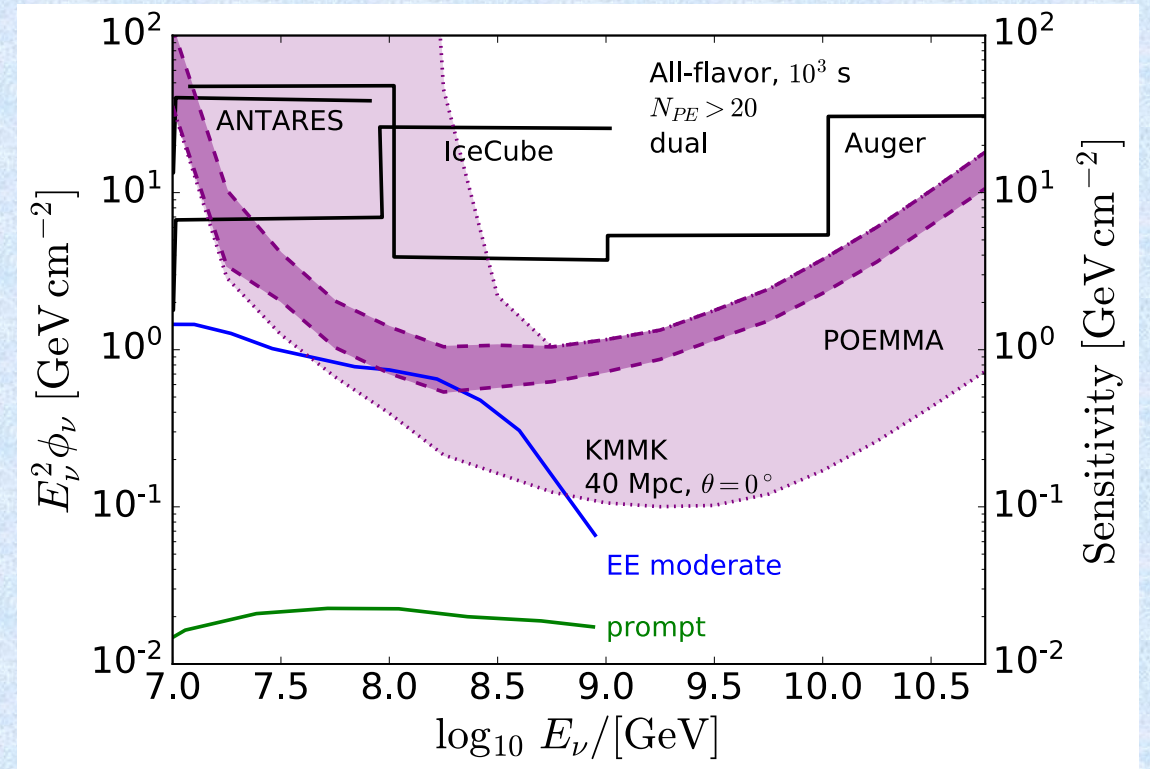
**signal size**

**~6000 PEs in**  
**cone**

# POEMMA Short Burst: 10 PE versus 20 PE comparison

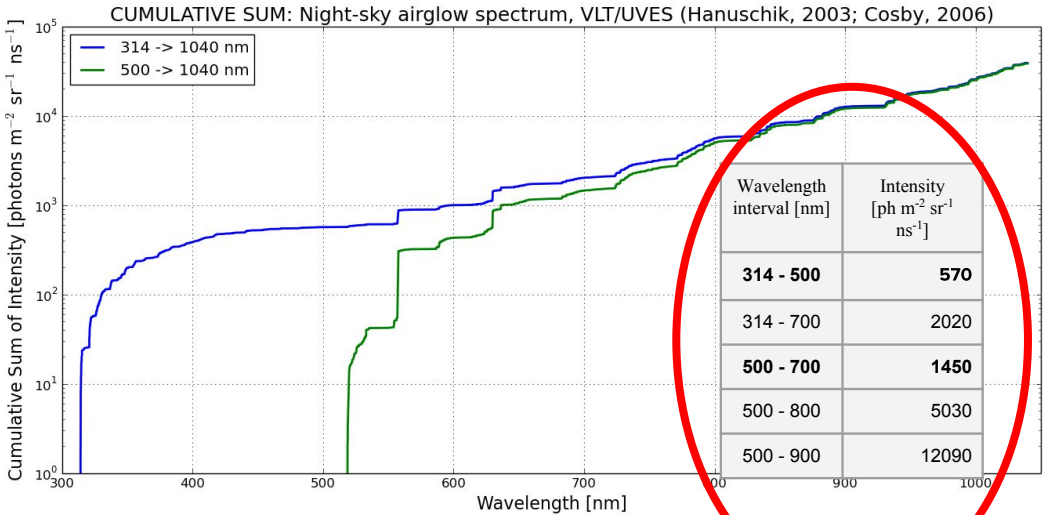


10 PE threshold with simultaneous viewing of Cherenkov light pool and time coincidence (60 ns)



20 PE threshold with separate viewing of different Cherenkov light pool and times

# Air Glow Background in Cherenkov Band



**314 nm – 900 nm**  
Use to calculate effective PDE (for SiPM):  $\langle \text{PDE} \rangle = 0.1$

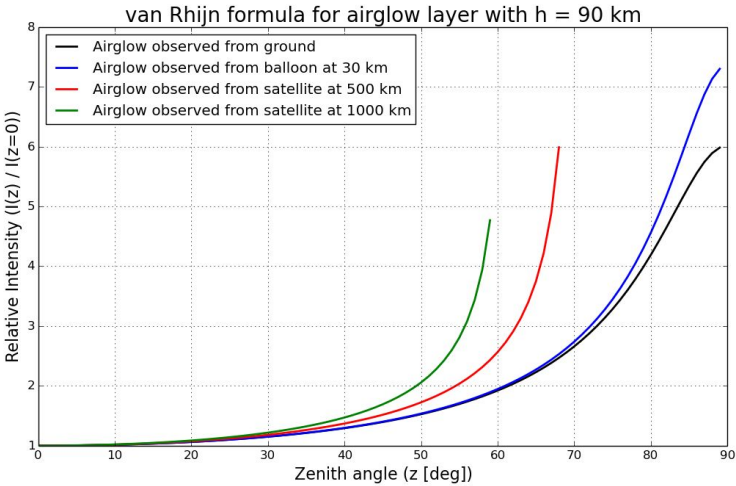
**12,090 photons/m<sup>2</sup>/sr/ns**

**314 nm – 1000 nm**  
**~25,000 photons/m<sup>2</sup>/sr/ns**

**314 nm – 500 nm**  
**570 photons/m<sup>2</sup>/sr/ns**

**Requirement for  $< 1\text{e-}2$  background events per year leads to high PE thresholds**

**10 PE (dual Cher measurement)**  
**20 PE (single Cher measurement)**

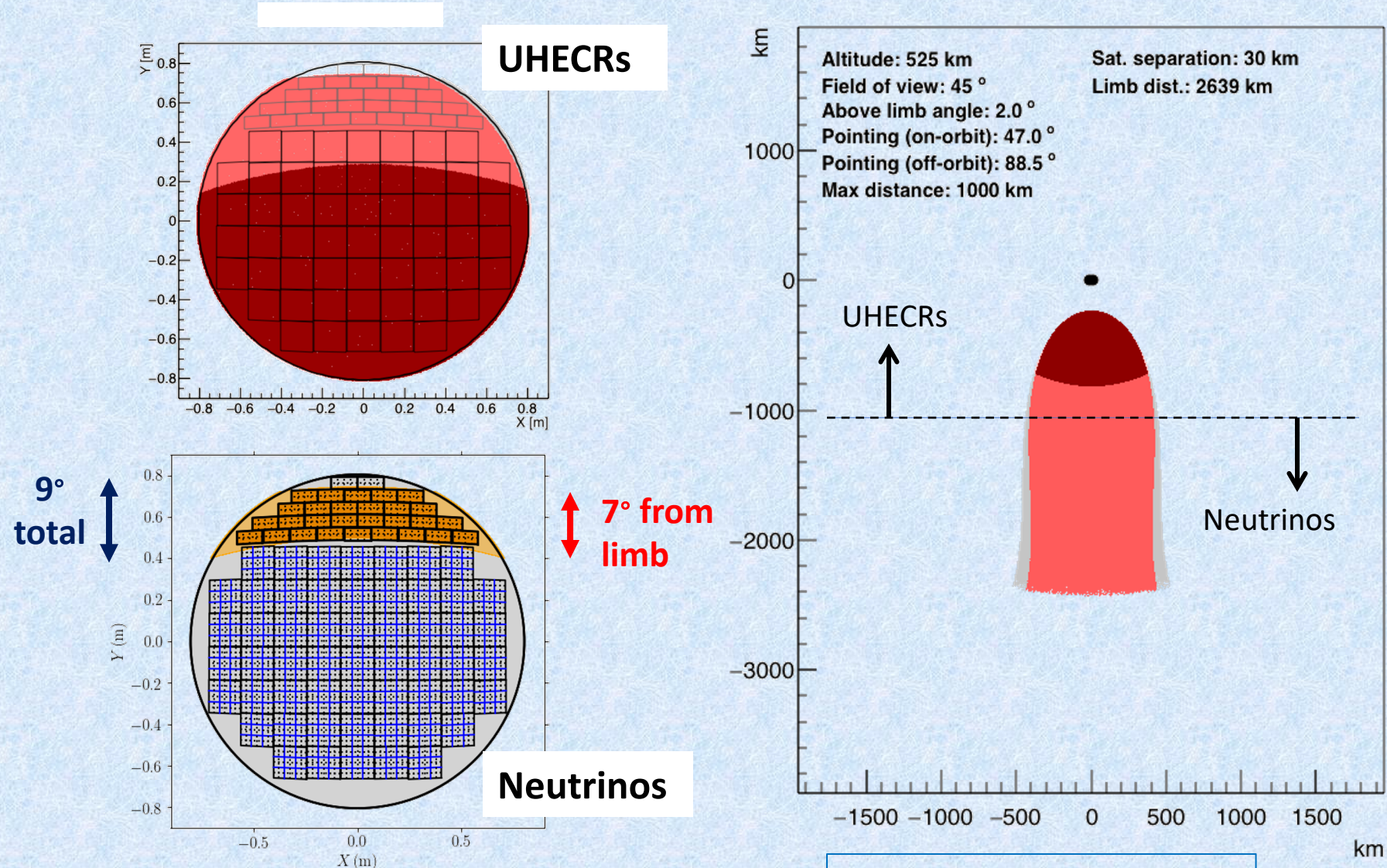


**Viewing at angles away from nadir views more optical depth of air glow layer.**

**x6 for viewing limb from 500 km**

Work by Simon Mackovjak

# POEMMA: Neutrino mode example configuration



Calcs & plots by F. Sarazin

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